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**Above:** Combat lifesaver evaluator Staff Sgt. Ramon Intalan of Medical Activity, Japan, center, watches Pfc. Jason McGarvey give Pfc. Nelly Cavalie an intravenous injection during a combat lifesaving exercise at Sagami Depot on Friday.

**Left:** Using interlocked pistol belts, Cavalie carries McGarvey on her back during the lifesaving exercise.

## Realistic training gives combat lifesavers feel for war

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Kabul rocket fired:** NATO peacekeepers discovered a cache of rockets on Saturday close to the Kabul International Airport in the Afghan capital, a spokesman said.

Forty rockets, 30 fuses and some wiring were found in a concealed store 1.2 miles from the main runway at the airport, said Cdr. Chris Henderson, a NATO spokesman.

French explosives experts from the international force removed the rockets. It was unclear if they were destroyed or handed over to the Afghan military.

**Princess Diana memorial:** The memorial fountain honoring Princess Diana was to remain closed through the weekend as construction experts try to figure out how to make it safer, London officials said Friday.

The water was turned off Thursday after three people got hurt when they slipped and fell in the Hyde Park fountain. Workers put up a seven foot fence around the fountain and roughened the texture of some of its stones to reduce the risk of slipping.

The parks agency called a meeting of designers, engineers and safety experts to investigate the accidents and consider how to make the fountain safer.

## States

**International space station:** The international space station could be expanded beyond its current three crew-member capacity by the end of the decade under an agreement reached Friday by the station's 16 partners.

The space station would house a permanent crew of as many as six members as early as January 2009 under a deal reached at a meeting in Noordwijk, The Netherlands, by the heads of the space agencies involved in the station. The size of the crew depends on the number of Soyuz escape vehicles that can be docked at the space station.

"It's going to have to be some derivative of what a Russian Soyuz vehicle can handle," said Allard Beutel, a NASA spokesman in Washington. Each Soyuz can fly three people.

**Fulton Co. sheriff suspended:** Georgia's governor suspended the sheriff of the state's largest county only hours after a retired fed-



**Newest carrier:** The Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the USS Ronald Reagan, has a fireboat salute as she enters San Diego harbor for a homeport celebration, welcoming the ship to Naval Air Station North Island on Friday in Coronado, Calif. The ship was commissioned in July 2003, and is completing a two-month transit around South America to her new homeport.

eral prison administrator was sworn in to take over the overcrowded jail.

Gov. Sonny Perdue acted Friday on the recommendation of a three-member panel he appointed to investigate allegations of mismanagement by Fulton County Sheriff Jackie Barrett.

The panel, made up of the state attorney general and two sheriffs, said it found reason to believe Barrett violated her duty when she invested \$7.2 million in public money in risky ventures, disregarding customary governmental safeguards. About \$2 million was lost.

**Chicken abuse:** Federal compliance officers have been sent to the West Virginia processing plant where workers are accused of torturing chickens before slaughtering them, and a government spokesman said Friday it's unclear how long the investiga-

tion will take.

Pilgrim's Pride fired 11 of its employees, including several managers, on Wednesday and pledged to hold accountable anyone who knew of the abuse at the plant in Moorefield. The Texas-based company also put quality assurance monitors in place and said it re-educated workers at all its North American plants about humane treatment.

**Alien fish:** A nonnative fish known for its appetite and ability to wriggle short distances on land has been discovered in a Philadelphia waterway, raising concerns about its effects on native species.

An angler caught two Northern snakeheads in a lake last week and contacted the Fish and Boat Commission, which then caught three more snakeheads. The commission said it believes the fish, native to Asia and Africa, are present in other local waterways.

**DotComGuy trademark:** The attempt by the man formerly known as DotComGuy to sell his trademark name on eBay didn't work. The only bidder failed to meet the \$100,000 minimum bid. The auction began July 13 and ended Friday at 5 p.m.

James Haddock, who legally changed his name to DotComGuy in 1999, had hoped to sell the trademark and related Web site so he and his wife could make a down payment on a house, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports.

## Business

**Enron case:** A handwritten memo detailing secret side deals between Enron's former chief accountant Rick Causey and former finance chief Andrew Fastow guarantees Fastow-controlled LJM entities as much as \$50 million from Enron.

The note has led defense lawyers to predict that Causey is under pressure to seek a deal with the government, the Houston Chronicle reports.

The document — called the "global galactic" agreement by prosecutors — seemed a part of Enron folklore until it was cited as an actual written agreement in the indictment of ex-Chairman Ken Lay earlier this month.

The Chronicle obtained a copy this week of the memo, which is neatly handwritten and appears to be initiated on all three pages by Causey and Fastow.

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# Kanto Plain gripped by record heat

By VINCE LITTLE  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — "Hot out there, ain't it?"

That's being told around rather frequently these days on Kanto Plain U.S. military installations, which are locked in a record heat wave on the heels of a less-than-robust rainy season.

Temperatures soared last week, hitting 103.1 degrees in Tokyo on Tuesday, shattering an all-time high of 102.4, set Aug. 3, 1994, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency, which began keeping track of the statistics in 1923.

While some say it's summertime — and it's supposed to be hot — U.S. military forecasters point to a high-pressure center batted out over Okinawa and Kyushu.

Officials say this center is fueling a northwesterly flow of warm, sinking, dry air down the mountain ranges surrounding the Kanto Plain, causing the higher than normal temperatures. Normally, it sits to the southeast, bringing slightly cooler weather to the Kanto, with its southwesterly winds off the Pacific Ocean.

Although Japanese forecasters predicted above-average temperatures this summer, said Yoshinori Ogawa, a weather forecaster/liaison for the 20th Operation Weather Squadron, few thought it would be this extreme.

So far, it's been one of the warmest on record, according to Ogawa, rekindling memories of 1994, when blizzarding summer heat and severe drought led to rice shortages and Japan having to import rice from another country for the first time.

"That may happen again this year," Ogawa said.

A dry rainy season, which officially ended last Tuesday on the Kanto Plain, a week earlier than normal, did not help matters, he said. The region typically gets 9-10 inches of rain on average, but this season has produced just over 4.



JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Erik Black, 8, Jason Black, 10, and Alison Wallach, 9, beat the heat while swimming at the pool at Yokosuka Naval Base on Saturday.

So far this month, Tokyo has received just .08 inches of rain — almost 6.5 inches less than usual — according to the JMA, but a forecaster there dismissed the possibility of water shortages, since dam levels are normal. Also, the northern part of the country has gotten significant rainfall.

The average temperature in June at Yokota is 76 degrees, rising to 83 degrees in July, said Maj. Michael Mills, commander of the 20th Operation Weather Squadron's contingency planning flight. The recorded high this June was 79, and through Thursday, the average high this month has been 90.

And the worst may yet to come.

"There's no telling when that high

[pressure center] is going to shift," Mills said. "The seasons don't start changing until September and October, then that high will retreat."

"The average high in August [at Yokota] is 86," said Mills. "So we haven't even reached the hottest month yet."

On a more positive note, the heat wave might reduce the chance of a typhoon hitting Kanto Plain bases, according to Mills.

The position of the high-pressure center over the southwest should steer the storms to the Korean Peninsula and China, Mills said, but as long as it remains in place, steamy conditions are likely to continue for a while on the Kanto Plain.

Hana Kusumoto contributed to this report. E-mail Vince Little at [littlev@stripes.osd.mil](mailto:littlev@stripes.osd.mil)

## Recognizing/preventing heat stress

### Recognize symptoms of heat stress early

- Fatigue
- Weakness
- Dizziness/lightheadedness
- Mild headache
- Dry mouth/thirst
- Muscle cramps

### Treat early to prevent worsening condition

- Rest
- Get in shade
- Rehydrate

### Hydration

- Water is best option
- Drink early/drink often
- Drink throughout the day

### Sports drinks

- Best if diluted with water
- Concentration of salt and sugar can make dehydration worse
- Probably not needed for mild exercise
- Get enough salt from food
- Good option for strenuous exercise over an hour
- Avoid caffeine and alcohol
- Will make you urinate and can worsen dehydration

### Exercise safely

- Wear loose-layered clothing
- Consider moisture wicking fabrics
- Minimize strenuous outdoor activities during hotter times of the day (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Hydration before, during and after exercise is essential
- Dehydration will reduce aerobic and anaerobic performance significantly
- Wear sun screen and clothing to minimize sun exposure

Information courtesy of 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron R. (Capt.) Amy Belisle, flight surgeon; Capt. Michael Luby, aerospace physiologist  
For additional information and resources, contact Yokota Air Base's Aerospace Physiology Human Performance Training Team at DSN 225-2080

# Report: AF spending \$2.6B on inadequate planes

By MAT KELLEY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force continues to order a new type of cargo plane despite spending \$2.6 billion to buy 50 planes that do not meet the military's requirements and cannot be flown in combat zones, Pentagon investigators said.

Contractor Lockheed Martin hasn't delivered any C-130J planes that met requirements in the eight years since the program began, the report said. The Air Force and Lockheed Martin disagree.

Problems with the propeller-driven cargo planes include faulty computers and diagnostic systems and inadequate defense measures, the Pentagon's Office of Inspector General concluded.

So far, none of the planes has been cleared for some of their primary missions: Dropping troops and cargo into war zones and flying in conditions requiring the crew to wear night-vision goggles.

The inspector general's report concluded that Air Force and Defense Department officials mismanaged the program, requiring millions of dollars in upgrades and thousands of hours of work to make the

## Air Force, Lockheed Martin dispute findings by Pentagon investigators on new C-130Js

planes capable of performing as well as the aging models they're supposed to replace.

The Air Force strongly denied the report's conclusions.

Marvin Sambur, the Air Force's top acquisition official, wrote to the investigators that the program is within its cost, schedule and contract guidelines. Lockheed Martin has started delivering planes which meet Air Force specifications and the necessary upgrades have either been completed or scheduled, Sambur wrote.

"While some of the facts presented in the DOD IG report are accurate, the findings and conclusions ascribed to these facts cannot be supported," Sambur wrote in response to the inspector general's office. "The Air Force fully endorses the C-130J program."

Lockheed Martin spokesman Jeff Rhodes said Friday the company agrees with the Air Force.

"The Air Force, ultimately the end user

who is flying the aircraft, also says that the C-130J program is meeting cost, schedule, contract and regulatory commitments," Rhodes said in an e-mail statement.

Two Air Force squadrons haven't been able to perform their missions for more than four years because they only have C-130Bs, the report said. The 815th Air Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi and the 135th Airlift Squadron of the Maryland Air National Guard are supposed to drop troops and supplies into hostile areas.

Five other Air Force and Marine units have the C-130J planes but use older C-130s to perform their missions, the report said.

Air Force testers found so many problems with the planes they stopped evaluations in 2000 so the problems they already found could be fixed, the report said.

The report cites problems with the planes including:

- Propellers for C-130Js designed for

gathering weather data inside hurricanes were damaged in all tests. The weather planes also didn't have radar strong enough to penetrate storms as far as it should. Upgrades to fix those problems mean C-130Js won't be able to fly hurricane missions until at least next year.

■ Diagnostic systems have a high rate of false positives, meaning maintenance crews spend a lot of time trying to repair components which aren't broken.

■ The planes did not have an automated system for planning missions.

■ The C-130Js are so different from other models that pilots qualified to fly older C-130s must be retrained to fly the new ones.

The Air Force continues to order more C-130Js despite those problems. The military is buying the planes as a commercial item — a process designed to allow the military to purchase goods on the open market that need few modifications for military use.

Sambur suggested the inspector general's office was biased against such commercial contracts, an accusation the office denied. The inspector general's office has been among critics of another Air Force plan to retrofit Boeing 767 jets for use as midair refueling planes.

## Change of command

A change-of-command ceremony for Amphibious Squadron Eleven is set for 10 a.m. on Aug. 17 at Sasebo Naval Base, Japan, aboard the USS Essex.

Capt. Richard B. Landolt, squadron commodore since January 2003, will relinquish leadership of the squadron to Capt. Mark E. Donahue.

Donahue, comes to Sasebo from Multi-National Force Iraq. Landolt's next assignment is with the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group in Newport, R.I.

## Volunteers needed

The Equal Opportunity Committee is seeking Native American volunteers for Native American Heritage month in November.

Volunteers interested in performing a 10-minute speech, dance or other performance are asked to contact the committee by calling Staff Sgt. Richard Rau at 263-4044 or 263-5689. The next committee meeting is at 1 p.m. Aug. 5 at CHPPM-Pac headquarters.

The celebration in honor of Native American Heritage month is scheduled for Nov. 30.

## Amusement park discounts

Tama Tech Amusement Park discount coupons may be picked up at the Yujo Recreation Center, Kibo and Yume child-development centers, Teen Center and East and West youth centers, offices.

The coupons, good through Saturday, allow individuals to purchase a discounted Passport ticket at Tama Tech: 2,500 yen (€3.36) for adults and youth, 2,200 yen (\$20.50) for children ages 3 and under. Regular prices are 4,200 yen (\$39.25) for adults and 3,200 yen (\$29.90) for children. The Passport contains an admission ticket, free ride passport and swimming pool ticket.

Tama Tech is in Hino-shi, next to the Tama Zoo. Maps are available at the Yujo Recreation Center.

## Christmas party sign up

Reservations for this year's organizational Christmas parties will be selected in the Samurai Lounge at the Officers' Club at 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 4.

Squadron representatives must be present to secure a December Christmas-party calendar date at the Enlisted or Officers' Club.

## Favorite tunes wanted

Eagle 810 wants to find its listeners' all-time favorite tunes.

The American Forces Network affiliate will package those together for a Kanto Plain top 100 countdown during Yokota's Friendship Festival, slated Aug. 21-22. The broadcast is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

To vote, send in your five favorite songs to [afn.eagle810@yokota.af.mil](mailto:afn.eagle810@yokota.af.mil). Voting ends Aug. 18.

Eagle 810 will be broadcasting live from the Yokota Friendship Festival.

From staff reports



Pfc. Jason McGarvey prioritizes the condition of Staff Sgt. Keith Washington's simulated amputated leg during a combat lifesaving exercise at Sagami Depot, Japan, on Friday.

# Soldiers overcome blood, sweat, tears

## 'Lifesavers' endure training to meet support qualifications

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

SAGAMI DEPOT, Japan — Twenty-five soldiers from four units re-earned their combat lifesaver support qualifications and vied for a medal as part of a unique training competition Friday.

Every six months, soldiers must qualify for their certification.

Lt. Col. Lee Stockland, commander of the 35th Supply and Service Battalion at Sagami Depot, decided to make the qualification a sustenance program more life-like with a simulated battlefield exercise.

He used a competition to "rev up" the motivation. Top qualification scorers earned one day of leave and first place winner 2nd Lt. Vincent Tatum earned an Army Achievement Medal.

"We put a little spin on it to make it fun," said Capt. Dan Reichard, commander of headquarters, headquarters detachment for the 35th.

"Soldiers love training. The more realistic it is, the more they have fun," said Stockland.

The soldiers had to complete several tasks including giving an intravenous solution, carrying a buddy using two connected pistol belts and applying bandages to serious wounds.

The exercise was done in full combat gear at battle speed to add to the realism. Because it was competitive, soldiers worked fast under flank vests and helmets.

"It's not something we do often. It's kind of stressful," said Spc. Beatrice Gouacide, with the 35th Supply and Service Battalion training office. "Just like weapons or PT (physical training), it's a skill we need to keep up."

During a class, she said, soldiers learn the steps they must take, but only through life-like training do they gain the experience.

"The psychology [of screaming victims] — you have to learn to deal with that," she said. "No body's really ready for [combat] but at least we have the skills."



PHOTOS BY JIM SCHULZ/Stars and Stripes

Beatrice Gouacide applies a bandage to 1st Lt. Ryan Deyette's wounds during a combat lifesaving exercise Friday at Sagami Depot, Japan.

During a triage segment, soldiers react to assess and treat screaming victims wearing moulage — simulated wounds — while speakers blared the soundtrack from a battle scene of a movie. Evaluators chased the soldiers, screaming at them to make the scene more chaotic.

During the bandage segment, fake blood and more screaming made the scene eerily real. "You really feel like you're in the environment of a war," said Pfc. Nelly Cavalié, also with the 35th. "We need this training. We need to feel it; we need to sweat, to feel the heat and the cold."

In addition to training with real life situations, Stockland hopes to surpass the Army's minimum requirements and get every battalion soldier combat lifesaver certified. The Army only requires one person per section or squad to be certified, he said.

"I was looking for a way to sustain the training that medics give them," Stockland said. "It's a great skill to have during peace-time or on the battlefield."

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# In Iraq, confronting 'the silent enemy'

## Mental health pros say biggest challenge in treating stress is getting soldiers to ask for help

By RICK EMERT  
Stars and Stripes

**T**he 2nd Medical Brigade, which oversees nearly all medical operations in Iraq, is chipping away at the barrier that keeps soldiers from seeking treatment for combat stress.

It's a fight Army social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists have been waging since post-traumatic stress disorder came into the spotlight following the Vietnam War.

A recent post-deployment screening conducted by the U.S. military showed that more than 50 percent of servicemembers were reluctant to seek treatment for combat stress because they feared it would affect their careers or future promotions.

But members of the brigade's Mental Health Section and the 785th Combat Stress Company say nearly all cases that are treated never even go into a soldier's medical file, let alone his personnel record.

"We don't record their file to the attention board to be looked at," said Maj. Geoffrey Grammer, medical director for the 785th Combat Stress Company in Baghdad. "We're not going to destroy careers. Information is kept in our files, but it is confidential. It does not go into their personnel file."

Of course, commanders and even peers may know that a soldier was treated for combat stress.

"Yeah, the commanders know," said Col. Bob Evans, senior clinician for the 785th Combat Stress Company. "A lot of them are appreciative of what we can do to help their soldiers. They become proud of the soldier's achievements."

More than 95 percent of all soldiers treated for combat stress, which includes stress caused by family problems or even fatigue, returned to duty in a matter of days.

"[The commanders] see somebody whose performance has suddenly gone way up, and say, 'Wow, you really fixed this guy,'" Evans said.

In most cases, like that of Staff Sgt. Richard Williams, a maintenance section chief from the 1st Cavalry Division, the soldier is returned to the same position he held before treatment.

Only in rare cases where a soldier poses a threat to himself or others would he be placed in a different section or status, such as under suicide watch or deemed unable to carry a weapon, Evans said.

There are two to five reported suicides each month in Iraq, Grammer said. According to an Army report released in March, 24 soldiers deployed to Kuwait

and Iraq committed suicide in 2003 — a rate of 17.3 per 100,000. The overall Army suicide rate during the same time period was 12.8 per 100,000 soldiers.

Williams was suffering from anxiety attacks, a condition he had before he deployed to Iraq.

"I had experienced this before but dealt with it," Williams said. "It was becoming difficult to concentrate. I became aware that my work performance was suffering."

Williams first talked to a chaplain, who suggested he try medication. He went to a nearby medical clinic and was put on the wrong type of medication.

After spending a night at the 785th Combat Stress Company's fitness center, and getting the correct medication, Williams was able to return to duty.

The fitness center refers more to mental fitness than physical. Soldiers spend up to five days at the center for treatment and follow a scheduled routine of physical training, chores and relaxation in a less intense environment.

Williams admitted the first step to recovery was a big one.

"It was easy to preach to my soldiers that they can get help, but it was not so easy taking my own ad-

### Signs and symptoms of combat or operational stress:

- Inability to sleep
- Irritability
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Depression
- Distant, haunted stare
- Anxiety
- Jumpiness
- Loss of confidence

Source: 2nd Medical Brigade

vice," Williams said. "I was being a tremendous hypocrite. I had told my soldiers that it was nothing to be ashamed of or embarrassed by."

Returning to his unit after treatment was awkward, but Williams said he quickly got back into the swing of things.

"People looked at me funny for a day or two," he said. "I went up to each of my soldiers individually and explained my situation. It actually brought the team closer together. We're still a maintenance team, but we're also a support group. We're able to talk to one another about these issues that everybody here has."

Williams is one of many success stories of the mental health staffs throughout the theater. But other would-be successes are not coming forward with their problems. The 2nd Medical Brigade and combat stress companies are trying to change that by reaching out to the soldiers.

In an average 72-hour period,

combat stress staffs throughout Iraq will conduct about 180 walk-arounds, where they meet with about 700 soldiers and talk to them as a preventive measure.

"We get out there to make ourselves more approachable," Grammer said. "If the soldiers know us by name and face, they are more likely to come by and talk to us. The biggest focus for us is seeing the people at all."

The staff members see about 88 command referrals during a typical 72-hour period, according to Capt. Jeffrey Greeninger, a social worker with the medical brigade's Mental Health Section. Those are cases in which soldiers are referred for treatment by their commanders.

The staff also conducts classes on combat stress symptoms and relaxation techniques during that time, Greeninger added.

A group of 12 mental health professionals visited the theater last year and identified ways to improve the situation here.

Among them was bringing in the 1908th and 1835th Combat Stress detachments to add about 60 mental health professionals to the 60 from the 785th already in Iraq.

The 2nd Medical Brigade also created the Help 4 Web site, at [www.mmf-iraq.com/2ndmed/index.htm](http://www.mmf-iraq.com/2ndmed/index.htm), to link soldiers up with the nearest mental health resources available to them.

The combat stress staffs have spent months talking to commanders, platoon sergeants and section chiefs about getting soldiers the treatment they need.

Apparently, the word is getting

out to the troops, like Sgt. Joseph Alonso, 478th Civil Affairs Battalion, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Sehn, 124th Command Aviation Battalion from the Louisiana National Guard.

"I haven't gone through combat stress, so far, things are going pretty good," Alonso said.

"[The 'rest and recuperation'] trips help, and the unit takes pretty good care of us."

But, Alonso added, he knows how to get help if he needs it.

"The command keeps us pretty well informed of numbers we can call for help," he said.

Sebn said he has experienced stress during events such as mortar attacks, but it subsides.

"After a few minutes it hits you what really just happened, but you try not to think about it too much," he said, adding that he would seek treatment if he felt the need.

"It's no problem to find help here," he said.

Mental health staff members go out to even the most remote areas.

"We go in and develop relationships with the soldiers," said Maj. David Rabb, 785th Combat Stress Company commander. "Stress is the silent enemy that can take people down. It's important that people do not isolate themselves."

"It is like PMCS [a system of maintenance checks performed on Army vehicle] for soldiers," Evans said. "You can't run a Humvee all day long and expect it to keep going. Likewise, you can't run a soldier 12 hours a day for seven days a week and expect him to hold up."

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## IN THE WORLD

# Reports: Japan urges Jenkins to seek deal

## U.S. kin say they're not allowed to visit hospital

TOKYO — American family members of accused U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins said Saturday they were barred from seeing him in a Tokyo hospital because U.S. and Japanese officials want to quickly settle the matter of the former sergeant, possibly through a plea-bargain.

The claims by Jenkins' nephews, James Hyman, and his wife, Shirlee, came amid media reports that the Japanese government was urging Jenkins to make a plea-bargain with Washington as it appeared impatient to take him into custody after doctors cleared him of serious medical problems.

The Hymans denied the charges against Jenkins and said they were blocked from seeing him to prevent them from showing him a letter from the U.S. Army indicating that evi-

dence used to back his desertion case did not exist.

"The Japanese government and the American government are keeping everyone away from him so that we won't be able to tell him, this is what we know, this is what we got," Shirlee said.

James Hyman, who said he shared a close relationship with Jenkins in his childhood, said he did not believe Japanese officials, who told him Friday that Jenkins did not want to see him and refused to let him call him.

Referring to Jenkins by his middle name, Hyman said, "We were very excited for Robert to come to Japan so he could be free at last, but now I wonder if he really is, when he can't see his own family due to political concerns."

— The Associated Press

## U.S. says no compromise considered for alleged deserter

BY NATALIE OBKO PEARSON  
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan will urge accused U.S. Army deserter Charles Jenkins to seek a plea bargain, reports said Saturday, after doctors said he had no serious medical condition and chances rose that Washington would request his hand-over.

Jenkins is wanted by the United States for allegedly abandoning his South Korean post in 1963 and defecting to North Korea. He has Tokyo's support because he's married to a Japanese citizen, Hitomi Soga, who was kidnapped by the North Years ago but returned to Japan.

U.S. wants Jenkins to be able to settle in Japan with Soga and their two North Korean-born daughters. Washington has said it plans to pursue its case against Jenkins, who could face life in prison if convicted of desertion.

Japanese government officials

believe the best way to keep the family united is to convince Jenkins to enter a plea bargain instead of fighting the charges, citing unidentified sources.

Jenkins "could benefit if he admits to the allegations and co-operate with U.S. authorities," NHH said.

He's indicated to Japanese government officials that he's open to a plea bargain, Kyodo News agency said.

However, Kyoto later reported that a U.S. defense official said Washington wasn't considering such a deal.

"No one I know suggests there

is a bargain," the agency quoted U.S. Deputy Defense Undersecretary for Asian and Pacific Affairs Richard Lawless as saying in Washington.

Lawless reiterated that the United States intended to take Jenkins into custody to face a court martial, the report said.

Asked whether Washington could be flexible on the case, Lawless said "no."

Jenkins has requested to speak with an expert on U.S. military law to discuss a possible plea bargain, the Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper reported Saturday.

Jenkins and Soga met in the North after her 1978 abduction. She returned to Japan in 2002, but her family stayed behind until Tokyo arranged a reunion in Indonesia — which has no extradition treaty with Washington — earlier this month.

Jenkins is subject to U.S. military authorities in Japan under an agreement on the nearly 50,000 U.S. troops based here.

## N. Korea rebuffs U.S. disarmament offer

BY SANG-HUN CHOE  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Saturday rejected a U.S. suggestion that it follow the example of Libya and abandon its nuclear weapons programs to open the way for economic aid and improved ties with Washington.

Calling the American proposal "nothing but a sham offer," the communist state reiterated that it would freeze its nuclear facilities as a first step toward their dismantling, but only if Washington provides energy aid, lifts economic

sanctions and removes the North from its list of terrorism sponsoring states.

"It is a daydream for the [North] to contemplate forcing the [North] to lay down arms first under the situation where both are in a state of armistice and at war technically," said an unidentified spokesman of the North's Foreign Ministry.

The comments, carried by the North's official news agency KCNA, came three days after a top U.S. disarmament official urged North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to learn from Libya and

abandon his nuclear weapons development.

U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton said Wednesday that lessons learned from Libya's pledge to eliminate weapons of mass destruction can be used in six-nation talks aimed at resolving the North Korean nuclear standoff.

Libya leader Moammar Gadhafi took bold steps toward mending ties with the West in December when his government announced it would renounce chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, and opened its weapons laboratories to international inspectors. In return, Washington has begun lifting sanctions, including travel restrictions, against the country.

On Saturday, the North Korean spokesman called the U.S. proposal "little worthy to be discussed any longer."

"The U.S. is foolish enough to calculate that such move imposed upon Libya would be accepted by the DPRK, too," he said, using the acronym for his country's official name, Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

## Death toll hits 705 in South Asian floods

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Seven people drowned when a crowded boat ferrying flood-hit villagers to safety capsized in Bangladesh, increasing the death toll from this year's monsoon across South Asia to 705, officials and news reports said Saturday.

In neighboring India, soldiers and paramilitary troops deployed to rush food, medicine and clean water to millions of people stranded by the floods. The floods have killed 396 in India, 202 in Bangladesh, 102 in Nepal and five in Pakistan.

## Bali convictions expected to be appealed

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Attorneys for the 32 militants convicted in the Bali bombings two years ago said Saturday that they expect many will appeal after an Indonesian court ruled that tough anti-terror laws passed last year could not be used retroactively.

But Justice Minister Yusril Mahendra insisted the convictions for the Oct. 12, 2002, attack will stand despite the constitutional court's ruling that anti-terror laws — passed in the months after the Bali blasts — could not be used for crimes committed before their enactment.

## South Koreans protest Iraq deployment

SEOUL, South Korea — Protesters scuffled with police as 3,000 students and workers opposing South Korea's plans to send troops to Iraq marched on the presidential palace Saturday, chanting "Let's end the South Korea-U.S. alliance!"

Students exchanged kicks and punches with riot police on downtown Seoul's main boulevard when police formed blockades with shields and police buses to stop the marchers a few blocks from the presidential compound. No serious injuries were reported.

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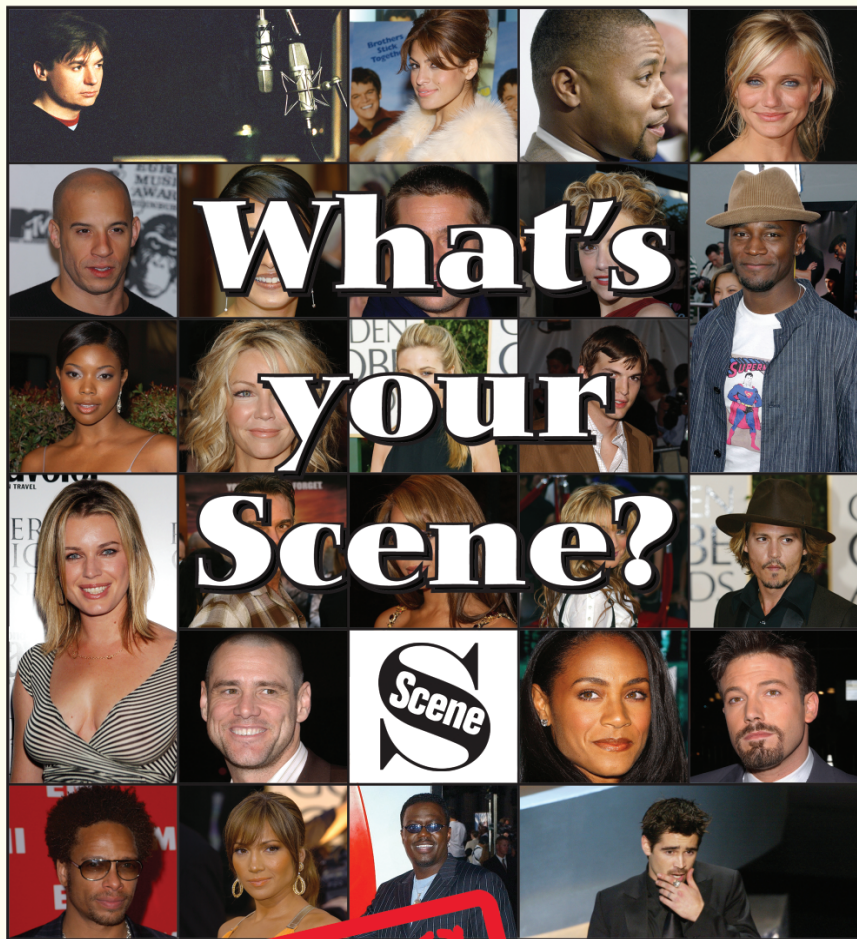
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## IN THE STATES

## Security begins for Democratic convention

BY DENISE LAVOIE  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Police randomly inspected the bags of subway and commuter train passengers, erected concrete barriers throughout the city and began shutting down one of the city's major transportation hubs as Boston hunkered down for the first political convention since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Signs of tightened security were everywhere from "No Stopping" zones put in place outside government buildings and other sensitive locations to Jersey barriers and closing signs being placed along roadways warning motorists about the 40 miles of highway encircling the city being shut down during the height of the four-day convention's nightly proceedings.

The station is not scheduled to reopen until one week from today.

Just moments after the train left the station, Secret Service agents arrived to begin a security sweep.

There were less visible signs of security as well. More than 100 high-tech video cameras were set up near the FleetCenter and on downtown buildings, monitoring the movements of the thousands of delegates, journalists and visitors expected to flood into the city.

The U.S. Coast Guard planned to use infrared and night-vision cameras as Boston Harbor and to randomly board commercial ships for security checks. Boats were banned from a 250-foot security zone around Logan International Airport, located on the edge of Boston Harbor.

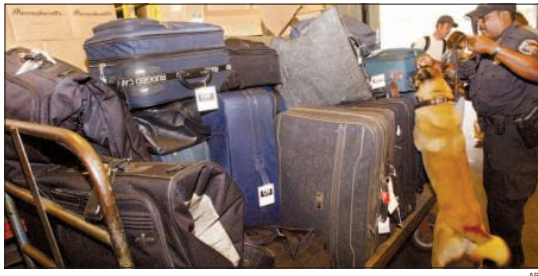
The Federal Aviation Administration banned all corporate and private flights in and out of Logan during the convention. Only regularly scheduled commercial flights, law enforcement, military and emergency medical flights will be allowed within a 10-mile radius of the airport.

Eight F-16s were to patrol the skies and police were ready to deploy a new 26-ton \$256,000 armored personnel transport vehicle in an emergency, Boston newspapers reported Saturday.

Even the security preparations stepped up Friday, the FBI issued a warning to television crews, saying it had received unconfirmed information that a radical domestic group is planning to disrupt the convention by attacking media vehicles with explosives or incendiary devices.

FBI spokeswoman Gail Marcinkiewicz would not release any other details, including the name of the group.

State Public Safety Secretary Edward Flynn said security officials have studied both radical domestic groups and terrorist groups in preparing a security plan for the convention. "I would never assert that we've done everything that we could do, but I do feel that we've done everything that we could think of," Flynn said. "We've based all of our planning on the latest intelligence information, as well as the history of terrorist activities engaged in by some of the protest groups, as well as possible terrorist groups."



Amtrak K-9 unit policeman Stan Gibson inspects luggage in a holding area Friday at South Station in Boston before the start of the Democratic National Convention.

## Protesters upset over demonstration zones

BY MARK JEWELL  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Some protesters preparing for the Democratic National Convention taped their mouths shut while others spoke out in anger Saturday to express opposition to protest restrictions they say violate free-speech rights.

About a dozen groups planning demonstrations during the convention's four-day run held a news conference to criticize the restrictions, which some protesters are challenging in an 11th-hour court appeal.

Protesters said they can't get their messages across from inside a 28,000-square-foot fenced-in demonstration zone near the convention site at the FleetCenter.

Activists said they understand the need to maintain high security for the convention. But they said organizers went too far in restricting demonstrations.

A coalition of protesters filed an appeal with the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday in hopes of winning an order easing the restrictions.

The appeals court denied a motion for a preliminary injunction Friday, and the panel asked that briefs be filed by Monday morning, the opening day of the convention.

Authorities said in court Thursday that they were allowing a maximum of 1,000 protesters inside because of concerns of overcrowding.

Other protests are planned during the convention at sites farther away from FleetCenter.

## Bush reacts to commission's findings

BY PETE YOST  
The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — Without promising what specific steps he will take, President Bush is committing his administration to relying on the recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission in waging the war on terrorism.

"The danger to America has not passed," Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address, citing the commission's preliminary report issued this week by the commission chairman, Thomas Kean.

The commission's unanimous report, the culmination of a

20-month investigation, portrayed the Sept. 11 terrorists as creative and determined while the nation they were preparing to strike was unprepared and uncomprehending of the imminent danger.

Legislation that would carry out two of the report's recommendations would be the focus of an unusual round of hearings in August when Congress is in recess.

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tor John McLaughlin, oppose a Cabinet-level overseer of the intelligence apparatus, saying improving the current structure is what is needed.

## Pentagon releases Bush's '72 Guard payroll records

BY MATT KELLEY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Newly discovered payroll records from President Bush's 1972 service in the Alabama National Guard shed no new light on the future president's activities during that summer.

A Pentagon official said Friday the earlier contention that the records were destroyed was an "inadvertent oversight."

Like records disclosed earlier by the White House, the newly released computerized payroll records show no indication Bush drilled with the Alabama unit during July, August and September of 1972. Pay records covering all of 1972, released previously, also indicated no guard service for Bush during those three months.

The records do not give any new information about Bush's National Guard training during 1972, when he transferred to the Alabama National Guard unit so he could work on the U.S. Senate campaign of a family friend. The payroll records do not say definitively whether Bush attended training that summer because

they are maintained separately from attendance records.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy said Bush kept his service commitments, pointing to the fact that Bush was honorably discharged in 1973. The White House says Bush attended enough training during other months in 1972 to fulfill his service commitment for that year.

The release came days before Democrats began their national convention in Boston to officially nominate Sen. John Kerry as their presidential candidate.

Military veterans are being tapped at the convention to help tell Kerry's story as he prepares to accept the party's nomination next week. A spokesman for the Democratic National Committee, Jan Cabrera, called the discovery Friday of Bush's records "highly questionable."

"If the Bush administration continues to search, maybe they'll find answers to the long list of unanswered questions that remain about George W. Bush's time in the Air National Guard," Cabrera said. "Bush's military records seem to show up as randomly as he did for duty."

## Husband's story a lie?

SALT LAKE CITY — The family and in-laws of a missing woman were stunned to learn that her husband had not graduated from college nor been accepted at a medical school, as he had said.

Thelma Soares, Lori Hacking's mother, said Thursday she was certain her daughter hadn't known about the discrepancies.

Mark Hacking reported his

27-year-old wife missing on Monday, saying she had never returned from a morning job. The disappearance came days before the couple was to move to North Carolina, ostensibly for medical school.

## Sept. 11 scam busted

ROCKFORD, Mich. — A woman who collected more than \$70,000 from the Red Cross after claiming her still-living husband died in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks has

been accused of fraud, authorities said.

The scam fell apart when Donna Miller's husband walked in while a detective was interviewing her at home, authorities said.

Miller, 49, of Sparta, was charged Thursday with three felony counts of false pretense and released on \$10,000 bond.

There is no indication Michael Miller participated in the scam and he will not be charged, the detective said.

From the Associated Press

## FACES 'N' PLACES

Doing what's good  
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Garfield's creator lets the feline run the show

BY LUIANEE LEE

Scripps Howard News Service

Cartoonist Jim Davis claims he's only partially responsible for the antics of his character, Garfield. The rest of the blame comes from some place magic.

"When I write, it's almost like a meditative state," he says. "I actually SEE him. I really hear him in my head. I can consciously put him into a situation. What he does with it is of his own volition. I can send him up a tree. I can send him camping ... and I sit back and I watch. And when he does something funny, I back up three frames and cut it off. So, he has to make me laugh first."

Davis has been so successful with his sassy creation that Garfield is starring in his first major motion picture. This time Garfield is computer generated — realized in just the right shade of orange with the right touch of attitude. Of course, Davis and his rambunctious tom have been a team since way before Garfield was outlined in blotchy ink.

Davis, 58, was a terrible cartoonist at first, he says. "I always had to work hard at the art. I loved art and am getting better at it all the time, even at this stage of my career. I'm still getting better with the cartooning with the example from the great

cartoonist, Chuck Jones: 'Every artist has a 100,000 bad drawings.' In many ways, I'm still trying to get it right. I still want to write that one gag that makes the whole world laugh."

Davis shouldn't worry. As the honcho of merchandising industry, he has come a long way from Marion, Ind. where he grew up on a farm.

Well, not so far, actually. Davis is still in Indiana with a company that employs 55 people and property that includes an animation studio, a larger artists' facility, a maintenance building, Davis' own studio and his home.

Married for the second time, Davis has a 25-year-old son from his first marriage, and two stepchildren. Unlike most artists who have their starving-in-the-garret-days, Davis says his climb has been easy.

"What other people might perceive as the tougher times, I found more challenging. It sounds strange, but I like limitations," he says. "Give me a job and say: 'You can only use two colors and you have to do it in a 1-1/2-inch space. And you have a budget of three cents.' I'm happy as a clam. ... Give me an unlimited budget, unlimited amount of white space and any idea I want to put down, and I'd be paralyzed."

Still, it took Davis eight years to convince a newspaper syndicate that Garfield might have "legs."

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Jim Davis  
Garfield's creator



PHOTO COURTESY OF 20TH CENTURY FOX/SHS

Cartoonist Jim Davis, the human behind Garfield, has been so successful with his sassy creation that Garfield is starring in his first major motion picture.

Before that he worked in PR, as a freelance artist, doing paste-up for other artists and as an assistant to Tom Ryan, author of the "Tumbleweeds" strip.

Davis was asthmatic as a child, allergic to almost everything.

"I was seriously ill for many, many years," he says, his broad face shining in the afternoon light. "Mom spent a lot of time with me. I spent a lot of time with my imagination. She'd sit up at night and make a story up. She'd say, 'Now YOU make up a story.' And I was terrible at it. I was amazed at her imagination and I always wanted to do that. So I think all kinds of character building traits came out of what

other people call 'the tougher times.' But I never really had tough times."

Now a veritable tycoon, he shrugs when asked how he mastered that skill. "I've always had a thing for figures and don't know why or how. And it's not that I enjoy it. I always scored high in math, but I never liked math. It's a second nature thing. ... I think I got that from dad. He's great with numbers. For me it's not much effort to figure if something's a good opportunity or if something would be a bad decision because I'm not driven by numbers, they're just sort of there. We don't do budgets, we don't do production schedules. We do what's good for the cat. If we take care of the cat, the cat takes care of us."

## Eltan serves doubles

Tennis anyone? Elton John and Billie Jean King will play a celebrity doubles match to benefit the 12th annual World Team Tennis All-Star Smash Hits to benefit the Elton John AIDS Foundation and the National AIDS Fund.

The Oct. 11 event will be held at the Breen Center at the University of California, Irvine.

The event also will include an exhibition match by Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick.

Several other top men and women pros also will compete in men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. The players will form two teams, one captained by John and the other by King.

Organizers expect to raise more than \$1 million.



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## 'On Golden Pond' revival

James Earl Jones and Diahann Carroll will star in a revival of "On Golden Pond," the play by Ernest Thompson that later became an Academy Award-winning movie starring Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn.

The production will open Oct. 2 at the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater in Washington.

Preview performances begin Sept. 28 for an run through Oct. 17, it was announced Wednesday. There's no word yet on whether the revival will transfer to Broadway.

Jones, who won Tony Awards for his performances in "The Great White Hope" and "Fences," will play a retired professor returning for one last time with his wife (Carroll) to their lakeside cottage in Maine.

Fonda and Hepburn both won



Jones

Oscars for their performances in the 1981 movie. The original stage production, which played both on and off-Broadway, starred Tom Aldridge and Frances Sternhagen.

## 'Daunting' catsuit

Halle Berry was a bit rattled the first time she saw the sleeky black leather suit her character wears in "Catwoman."

"Wow. Who's going to wear that? Oh, me. Got it. Hmm. OK. It was pretty daunting, you know?" Berry, 35, said in an interview last week with The Associated Press to promote "Catwoman," which opens Friday. "A little daunting, but the movie is a visu-

al spectacle, and I had to wear the suit. I had to fit into it and really try to become lean and sinewy and very catlike."

The revealing outfit, which shows off much of her torso, was added incentive to keep in shape

for the eight months of production, Berry said.

"I thought because it was cut out, you got to see more of the muscles and sort of the spine and the sinewiness of a cat, so in my mind, it made sense," Berry said. Stories and photos from wire services

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# Win streak boosts 'Jeopardy!' profile

BY DAVID BAUDER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Beverly Herter is in a club that's grown less exclusive by the day. She lost to Ken Jennings on "Jeopardy!"

"It's kind of a bonding experience going against Ken," said Herter, a freelance editor from Portsmouth, N.H., beaten in an episode televised last week.

Jennings has dispatched 76 contestants on the brain-teasing trivia game, making the Utah software engineer the unluckiest of Ken fans and juicing a show that's aired quietly for 30 years.

Ratings have soared. Jennings

visited both David Letterman and Jay Leno and newspapers run a daily update on his winnings. The Web site Slate even invented a Ken Jennings drinking game (two sips if he misses a Daily Double). Not bad for a Mormon test-taker who's oddly proficient in alcohol-related questions.

After Friday's show, Jennings had won 38 straight games and \$1,321,600.

His winning is so methodical, so sweat-free, that his appearances are actually kind of dull.

Call it heresy — but could Ken Jennings ultimately be bad for "Jeopardy!"?

"I could see it getting a little bor-

ing if he keeps winning like that," Herter said. "It won't end anytime soon. Jennings set a one-day record by winning \$75,000 on Friday's episode, the last original episode of the show's season. "Jeopardy!" will air reruns until Sept. 6, when Jennings will return.

"I think it's great," said Michael



Jennings

Davies, executive producer of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and a loyal "Jeopardy!" fan.

"There are shows on television that are watched by millions of people every day that are not on the radar. It's good that people are talking about the show."

Jennings made his first appearance on June 2. In his first full week of winning, "Jeopardy!" averaged 8.4 million viewers, according to Nielsen Media Research. During the week of July 5 — traditionally one of the slowest TV weeks of the year — the show averaged 12.6 million viewers.

"It's a timely reminder to television executives and producers

that you can get buzz on television in a lot of different ways," he said. "It's not only about being shocking and extreme and over the top."

During one game aired last week, Jennings had earned \$200 before either opponent even had the chance to answer one question.

On his Web site, another Jennings victim, Tim Crockett, writes that Jennings "is one of the nicest, funniest, smartest, most modest human beings I have ever met. An all-around great guy. He did his best to make everyone feel welcome and at ease."

"I immediately hated" Jennings, he wrote.

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\*Other departure dates available! ASK DETAILS

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### FLYING TO MANILA SPECIAL

GOOD FOR 14 DAYS	\$458~	8/29-9/23
GOOD FOR 14 DAYS (DIRECT FLIGHT)	\$608~	8/15-9/19
GOOD FOR 2 MONTH	\$548~	8/30-9/16

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL (ASK CONDITIONS)

USA (1CITY)	\$848~	8/29-9/30	NEW YORK	\$618~	8/21-9/30
USA (1CITY)	\$978~	8/27-9/2	GUAM	\$340~	8/1-8/31
NEW YORK	\$818~	8/29-9/30	BANGKOK	\$408~	8/30-9/16
LOS ANGELES	\$678~	8/1-8/31	SEOUL	\$178~	ASK DETAILS
HONOLULU	\$688~	8/16-9/21			

### Package Tour

HONOLULU FREE PLAN 4DAYS	\$668~	ASK DETAILS
GUAM FREE PLAN 4DAYS	\$588~	ASK DETAILS
OKINAWA AIR-HOTEL 3DAYS	\$338~	ASK DETAILS

\*FOR DOMESTIC RESERVATION MUST BE DONE BY 14 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. \*PRICES DEPEND ON HOTELS AND FLIGHTS. PLEASE ASK DETAILS LIKE HOTELS.

## FROM HIROSHIMA

SEOUL	\$238~	7-17
LOS ANGELES	\$918~	7/25-8/13 (MON, THU, FRI)
BANGKOK	\$608~	7/25-8/6 (MON, THU, FRI)
MANILA	\$538~	7/25-8/6 (MON, THU, FRI)
EUROPE	\$898~	7/25-8/16 (MON, THU, FRI)

### Package Tour

TOKYO 2DAYS	\$418~
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(W ECONOMY-HOTEL) 8/6-8/16

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## FROM MISAWA

### EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

**USA 1 CITY \$825~** DEPARTURE 9/21-9/30 MON-FRI

### AUGUST SPECIAL From MISAWA

USA 1 CITY	\$1190~	8/17-8/25 MON-FRI
BANGKOK	\$870~	8/15-8/29
MANILA	\$775~	8/15-8/29
HONG KONG	\$690~	8/14-8/28
HONOLULU	\$845~	8/22-28, 30, 31
SEOUL	\$430~	8/18, 25

### EARLYBIRD SPECIAL From MISAWA

USA 1 CITY	\$915~	8/26-8/30 MON-FRI
LOS ANGELES	\$815~	8/12, 19-19
BANGKOK	\$730~	8/3-9/6
MANILA	\$660~	8/3-9/6
HONG KONG	\$655~	8/1-9/6
SINGAPORE	\$625~	8/3-9/6
BEIJING	\$825~	8/3-9/6 (EX WEEK)
HONOLULU	\$660~	9/22-29

### AUGUST PACKAGE SPECIAL

\*INCLUDES AIR & HOTEL BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

TOKYO 2DAYS	\$343~
OSAKA/KYOTO 2DAYS	\$345~
OKINAWA 3DAYS	\$585~

### INTERNATIONAL PACKAGE

\*INCLUDES AIR & HOTEL BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

GUAM 7DAYS	\$850~
From Misawa	
HONG KONG 4DAYS	\$905~
HONG KONG 4DAYS	\$815~
From Misawa	
SINGAPORE 4DAYS	\$803~

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## YOUR MONEY

# AT&T cancels long-distance

## Company will no longer offer new consumers service

By CHRISTOPHER STERN  
AND GRIFF WITTE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — AT&T Corp., once a cornerstone of the U.S. telecommunications industry and still one of the world's most recognizable brands, announced Thursday that it will no longer market long-distance service to consumers, a business it has dominated for 100 years.

The decision marks a turning point in the history of Ma Bell, the former monopoly that struck telephone lines across the nation before it was broken up by a federal judge in 1984. Twenty years later, AT&T is fighting for survival in a telecommunications industry ruled by intense competition, technological innovation and cutthroat pricing.

AT&T chief executive David Dorman said Thursday that the long-distance giant will focus on business customers, which account for about 70 percent of its revenue. Although AT&T will no longer be marketing to new consumers, it will continue to serve its 35 million current customers, Dorman said.

Consumer groups called AT&T's retreat a serious setback because it will lessen competition, which has driven rates down for consumers.

"This is devastating. This takes the most revered name in quality long-distance service and the most aggressive competitor to the [regional] Bell monopolies out of play," said Gene Kimmel, managing director of the Washington office of Consumers Union.

The AT&T of today is a sliver of its former self. Once it had 1 million employees and controlled every facet of the telephone system, including the manufacture of handsets and the operation of its local and long-distance networks. The Bell Labs were responsible for some of the biggest breakthroughs in modern science, including the

invention of the transistor, the laser and the mobile phone.

Under the breakup, it lost control of the local networks it built and was forced to pay local phone companies more than 40 percent of its revenue to complete its calls. Now AT&T has 60,000 workers. It has spun off its research, manufacturing and wireless businesses.

Even its business customer base is dwindling, although not as rapidly as its consumer operations.

Despite its setbacks, AT&T is still the nation's largest long-distance provider, although its customer base is eroding at a rapid rate, thanks largely to competition from its former corporate siblings. These regional phone companies, such as Verizon Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp., are permitted to offer long-distance as well as local service.

Dorman said AT&T pulled back from the consumer market now because regulators have abandoned a policy that he said allowed AT&T to compete for customers.

For eight years, the Federal Communications Commission has encouraged competition in the local phone market by allowing companies such as AT&T to lease parts of the local network at deep discounts.

AT&T had taken advantage of the rules to offer bundles of local and long-distance calling for one flat rate, allowing it to compete with similar offerings from regional giants such as Verizon, SBC Communications Inc. and BellSouth.

But the FCC voted Thursday to approve new rules that will effectively end the discounts.

Package deals of local and long-distance service have proved to be enormously popular with consumers: About 40 percent of all households subscribe to some form of bundled service, according to Dorman. But he said AT&T can no longer market such bundles competitively without the regulated access to local networks.

# Antivirus best way to secure computer

Q. I have just acquired a laptop and have questions regarding security.

What should I do about possible virus attacks and other hacker problems? I get confusing offers for Norton firewalls and anti-spam protections and pop-up blockers and so on. My last computer had McAfee antivirus and I didn't want to switch this issue. Now that I have a new machine I need some advice.

— Ian Ostergard, Chicago

A. It ranks a bit to urge you to agree to the Norton Anti-Virus update subscription offered by the Norton software loaded on your computer by the manufacturer or expires, but that's what I would do, Mr. O.

If you prefer your former antivirus offer then by all means go to [www.mcafee.com](http://www.mcafee.com) and download McAfee antivirus and subscribe to their automatic update service.

For new virus countermeasures, I would recommend having large programming staffs that continually seek out new viruses and then create antidotes for them.

It actually is possible to just wait until you get hit with a virus and then go to the Web sites of companies like these and download the new fix that surely will be posted once the virus surfaces.

This is what I mostly do, but I mess around with computers all the time.

There is much less bother in just paying the outposts' protection demands up front.

The other offerings by these

companies — firewalls, fancy undetectable schemes, pop-up and spam blockers, etc. — are a cigar of another color altogether.

Windows has a built-in firewall that is adequate for almost everybody, and one can get free and pretty powerful pop-up blockers by adding a toolbar to your Internet browser from Google, America Online or the Microsoft Network.

The addresses are <http://toolbar.google.com> and <http://toolbar.aol.com>.

They can add a new line to the browser toolbars that includes a search entry box for the provider's service.

Finally, there is a setting in Windows XP that lets one activate the Windows Internet Connection Firewall that flat out shuts down all the ports that hackers can use. Click on the My Network Places icon and

connections in the menu that comes up. Look for the Advanced tab there and you will find a check box to activate the Windows Firewall. This firewall is a total barrier and won't let users do things like join peer-to-peer file sharing, acquire certain music downloads and other things.

For most of us, it's all we need.

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Ask Jim



Jim Coates

## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

## EXCHANGE RATES

INDEXES				
52-week	High	Low	Net	% YTD
High	Low	Change	Chg	Chg
12,853.1	8,957.11	Dow Jones Industrial	3,044.44	-8.19
3,212.45	2,526.38	Dow Jones Transportation	3,044.44	-8.19
19,257.57	228.46	Dow Jones Utilities	715.92	-1.29
6,798.12	5,438.77	NYSE Composite	6,234.10	-46.53
12,784.81	938.73	Amex Index	1,237.47	-10.84
1,153.83	1,448.88	Nasdaq Composite	1,469.09	-28.37
1,163.23	969.84	S&P 500	1,068.26	-10.24
684.45	471.81	S&P MidCap	519.15	-15.75
684.42	449.37	S&P SmallCap	539.23	-17.29
11,371.14	9,258.56	DJ Wilshire 2000	10,535.82	-6.53

Military rates				
Japanese yen (\$100)	107.50			
S. Korean won (\$100)	1,133.00			
British pound	1.762			
Commercial rates				
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377			
British pound	0.51308			
Canada (Dollar)	0.7131			
Denmark (Krone)	6.1005			
France (Franc)	16.6634			
Euro	0.7131			
Germany (Mark)	1.93627			
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7556			
Hungary (Forint)	203.05			
India (Rupee)	47.8335			
Israel (Shekel)	4.4844			
Japan (Yen)	110.09			
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947			
Malaysia (Ringgit)	3.4075			
Philippines (Peso)	56.00			
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.7660			
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7660			
South Africa (Rand)	1.19635			
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2647			
Thailand (Baht)	0.00548			
Taiwan (Dollar)	1.449275			

NYSE					NASDAQ									
Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Name	Vol	Net Chg	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Net Chg	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	Net Chg	Last	Chg
Coca-Cola	24,994	41.1	18.80	0.00	Netflix	126,294	14.0	12.00	0.00	Microsoft	90,759	28.0	0.00	0.00
Johnson & Johnson	14,018	1.25	15.00	0.00	Google	126,294	14.0	12.00	0.00	Oracle	26,719	26.0	0.00	0.00
Boeing	13,818	1.00	31.00	0.00	Semtech	118,798	11.7	9.00	0.00	Cisco	42,740	28.0	0.00	0.00
Home Depot	13,818	1.00	52.00	0.00	IBM	118,798	11.7	9.00	0.00	Google	26,719	26.0	0.00	0.00
General Electric	12,426	32.52	24.00	0.00	DNA Data	68,132	9.60	2.00	0.00	Amazon	26,719	26.0	0.00	0.00
Merck	12,426	32.52	38.00	0.00	Wal-Mart	59,162	5.00	1.00	0.00	Netflix	26,719	26.0	0.00	0.00
Wal-Mart	12,426	32.52	38.00	0.00	UnitedHealth	59,162	5.00	1.00	0.00	IBM	26,719	26.0	0.00	0.00
UnitedHealth	12,426	32.52	38.00	0.00	Shutterstock	12,930	9.75	2.00	0.00	SunMicro	26,719	26.0	0.00	0.00
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Netflix	12,426	32.52	38.00	0.00	Bernsold	25,693	8.33	0.00	0.00	Apple	26,719	26.0	0.00	0.00
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Microsoft	26,719	26.0	Microsoft	26,719
Oracle	26,719	26.0	Oracle	26,719
Cisco	26,719	26.0	Cisco	26,719
Google	26,719	26.0	Google	26,719
IBM	26,719	26.0	IBM	26,719
Amazon	26,719	26.0	Amazon	26,719
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KEY DEFENSE STOCKS				
Name	Vol	PE	Last	Chg % YTD
Alliant Technology	27	12.00	4.00	+21.2
Boeing	14,018	21.00	4.00	+21.2
Lockheed Martin	14,018	21.00	4.00	+21.2
General Dynamics	14,018	21.00	4.00	+21.2
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## MONDAY EVENING / JULY 26, 2004

MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	6:30pm Headline News (CC)	6:30 Minutes II (CC)	7:30pm Headline News (CC)	8:00pm Cold Case "Hubs" A college professor implicated in a student's murder enlists the FBI's help. (CC)	8:30pm Cold Case "Hubs" A college professor implicated in a student's murder enlists the FBI's help. (CC)	9PM 9:30pm 24 "Squad" 100-220 PM Release of a deadly virus is threatened if a drug kingpin isn't freed from jail. (CC)	9:30pm Headline News (CC)	10PM The Tonight Show (CC)	10:30pm The Tonight Show (CC)	11PM Late Show (CC)	11:30pm Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-AT	6:30pm Guiding Light (CC)	6:30pm General Hospital (CC)	7:30pm Headline News (CC)	8:00pm Judge Judy (CC)	8:30pm Today (CC)	9PM Lio & Stitch Lio updates Merlie. (CC)	9:30pm Dignom: Digital Monsters (CC)	10PM DragonflyTV investigates! (CC)	10:30pm DragonflyTV investigates! (CC)	11PM Even Stevens (CC)	11:30pm Even Stevens (CC)
8	NEWS	6:30pm Dateline NBC (CC)	6:30pm Access Hollywood (CC)	7:30pm Access Hollywood (CC)	8:00pm Good Morning America (CC)	8:30pm Good Morning America (CC)	9PM Headline News (CC)	9:30pm ABC World News This Morning (CC)	10PM The Early Show (CC)	10:30pm The Early Show (CC)	11PM The Early Show (CC)	11:30pm The Early Show (CC)
9	SPECT	6:30pm PGA Golf (Taped)	6:30pm PGA Golf (Taped)	7:30pm PGA Golf (Taped)	8:00pm PGA Golf (Taped)	8:30pm PGA Golf (Taped)	9PM PGA Golf (Taped)	9:30pm PGA Golf (Taped)	10PM PGA Golf (Taped)	10:30pm PGA Golf (Taped)	11PM PGA Golf (Taped)	11:30pm PGA Golf (Taped)
10	SPORTS	6:30pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	6:30pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	7:30pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	8:00pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	8:30pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	9PM Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	9:30pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	10PM Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	10:30pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	11PM Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)	11:30pm Average Joe: Hawaii (CC)
11	TMC	6:30pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13	6:30pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13	7:30pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13	8:00pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13	8:30pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13	9PM The Night Before (1988) PG-13	9:30pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13	10PM The Night Before (1988) PG-13	10:30pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13	11PM The Night Before (1988) PG-13	11:30pm The Night Before (1988) PG-13
12	PBS	6:30pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	6:30pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	7:30pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	8:00pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	8:30pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	9PM Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	9:30pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	10PM Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	10:30pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	11PM Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)	11:30pm Big Red Dog (CC) (DVS)
13	SHOW	6:30pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	6:30pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	7:30pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	8:00pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	8:30pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	9PM 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	9:30pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	10PM 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	10:30pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	11PM 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	11:30pm 500 *** "Perfect" (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)
14	A&E	6:30pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	6:30pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	7:30pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	8:00pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	8:30pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	9PM City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	9:30pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	10PM City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	10:30pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	11PM City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)	11:30pm City Confidential (1985) John Trin- trani. A journalist pretends to be an ex- -posé on his radio show. (CC)
15	DISC	6:30pm To Be Announced	6:30pm To Be Announced	7:30pm To Be Announced	8:00pm To Be Announced	8:30pm To Be Announced	9PM To Be Announced	9:30pm To Be Announced	10PM To Be Announced	10:30pm To Be Announced	11PM To Be Announced	11:30pm To Be Announced
16	29C	6:30pm Ang Tang- ing Ins	6:30pm Ang Tang- ing Ins	7:30pm Ang Tang- ing Ins	8:00pm Ang Tang- ing Ins	8:30pm Ang Tang- ing Ins	9PM Ang Tang- ing Ins	9:30pm Ang Tang- ing Ins	10PM Ang Tang- ing Ins	10:30pm Ang Tang- ing Ins	11PM Ang Tang- ing Ins	11:30pm Ang Tang- ing Ins
17	CNN+	6:30pm Larry King Weekend (CC)	6:30pm Larry King Weekend (CC)	7:30pm Larry King Weekend (CC)	8:00pm Larry King Weekend (CC)	8:30pm Larry King Weekend (CC)	9PM Larry King Weekend (CC)	9:30pm Larry King Weekend (CC)	10PM Larry King Weekend (CC)	10:30pm Larry King Weekend (CC)	11PM Larry King Weekend (CC)	11:30pm Larry King Weekend (CC)
18	GOLF	6:30pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	6:30pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	7:30pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	8:00pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	8:30pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	9PM European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	9:30pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	10PM European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	10:30pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	11PM European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.	11:30pm European PGA Golf Irish Open - Final Round. From Droghda, Ireland.
19	TLC	6:30pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	6:30pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	7:30pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	8:00pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	8:30pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	9PM Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	9:30pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	10PM Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	10:30pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	11PM Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)	11:30pm Clean Sweep "6 Kid" Up! A fam- ily room is a mess. (CC)
20	TOON	6:30pm Samurai Jack	6:30pm Samurai Jack	7:30pm Samurai Jack	8:00pm Samurai Jack	8:30pm Samurai Jack	9PM Samurai Jack	9:30pm Samurai Jack	10PM Samurai Jack	10:30pm Samurai Jack	11PM Samurai Jack	11:30pm Samurai Jack
21	ANPL	6:30pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	6:30pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	7:30pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	8:00pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	8:30pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	9PM The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	9:30pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	10PM The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	10:30pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	11PM The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)	11:30pm The Crocodile Hunter The chal- lenges of caring for more than 150 crocod- iles. (CC)
22	COM	6:30pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	6:30pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	7:30pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	8:00pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	8:30pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	9PM Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	9:30pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	10PM Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	10:30pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	11PM Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)	11:30pm Late Night O'Jays Peeling Paul Rudd. (CC)
23	NGC+	6:30pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	6:30pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	7:30pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	8:00pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	8:30pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	9PM Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	9:30pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	10PM Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	10:30pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	11PM Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)	11:30pm Wildlife Diary Lion. (CC)
24	SPIKE	6:30pm Real TV (CC)	6:30pm Real TV (CC)	7:30pm Real TV (CC)	8:00pm Real TV (CC)	8:30pm Real TV (CC)	9PM Real TV (CC)	9:30pm Real TV (CC)	10PM Real TV (CC)	10:30pm Real TV (CC)	11PM Real TV (CC)	11:30pm Real TV (CC)
25	FOX	6:30pm Fame (CC)	6:30pm Fame (CC)	7:30pm Fame (CC)	8:00pm Fame (CC)	8:30pm Fame (CC)	9PM Fame (CC)	9:30pm Fame (CC)	10PM Fame (CC)	10:30pm Fame (CC)	11PM Fame (CC)	11:30pm Fame (CC)
26	BET	6:30pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	6:30pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	7:30pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	8:00pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	8:30pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	9PM 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	9:30pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	10PM 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	10:30pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	11PM 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"	11:30pm 106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"
27	COURT	6:30pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	6:30pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	7:30pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	8:00pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	8:30pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	9PM NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	9:30pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	10PM NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	10:30pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	11PM NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)	11:30pm NYPD Blue "Closing Time" Spicazzi continues to wrestle with problems at home and on the job. (CC)
28	STR-UL	6:30pm Baywatch (CC)	6:30pm Baywatch (CC)	7:30pm Baywatch (CC)	8:00pm Baywatch (CC)	8:30pm Baywatch (CC)	9PM Baywatch (CC)	9:30pm Baywatch (CC)	10PM Baywatch (CC)	10:30pm Baywatch (CC)	11PM Baywatch (CC)	11:30pm Baywatch (CC)
29	LIFE	6:30pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	6:30pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	7:30pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	8:00pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	8:30pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	9PM The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	9:30pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	10PM The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	10:30pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	11PM The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)	11:30pm The Golden Girls Dorothy's daughter separates. (CC)
30	ABC/AF	6:30pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	6:30pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	7:30pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	8:00pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	8:30pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	9PM Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	9:30pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	10PM Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	10:30pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	11PM Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)	11:30pm Full House Jesse monstrous as Full House. (CC)
31	HIST	6:30pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	6:30pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	7:30pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	8:00pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	8:30pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	9PM Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	9:30pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	10PM Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	10:30pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	11PM Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)	11:30pm Tales of the Genji Japanese samurai during an era of daimyo and modern weapons. (CC)
32	STR-IV	6:30pm Year of the Dragon (1981)	6:30pm Year of the Dragon (1981)	7:30pm Year of the Dragon (1981)	8:00pm Year of the Dragon (1981)	8:30pm Year of the Dragon (1981)	9PM Year of the Dragon (1981)	9:30pm Year of the Dragon (1981)	10PM Year of the Dragon (1981)	10:30pm Year of the Dragon (1981)	11PM Year of the Dragon (1981)	11:30pm Year of the Dragon (1981)
33	ADV I	6:30pm Footloose to (S-30)	6:30pm Footloose to (S-30)	7:30pm Footloose to (S-30)	8:00pm Footloose to (S-30)	8:30pm Footloose to (S-30)	9PM Footloose to (S-30)	9:30pm Footloose to (S-30)	10PM Footloose to (S-30)	10:30pm Footloose to (S-30)	11PM Footloose to (S-30)	11:30pm Footloose to (S-30)
34	MTV	6:30pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	6:30pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	7:30pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	8:00pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	8:30pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	9PM The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	9:30pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	10PM The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	10:30pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	11PM The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)	11:30pm The Ashlie Simon Show Ashlie Simon's show. (CC)
35	NICK	6:30pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	6:30pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	7:30pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	8:00pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	8:30pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	9PM Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	9:30pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	10PM Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	10:30pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	11PM Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)	11:30pm Julie "Julie" (Sponge- Bob SquarePants)

## JAPAN TV

**Afternoon**  
1:30 U.S. Movie: (2001): The Elite (2:00/12)  
5:00 News (6)  
**Evening**  
7:00 News (1)  
10:00 News (1)  
10:00 News (1)  
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7:30 Football: Brazil  
8:00 Top News from Around the World  
9:00 MLB: New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox

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## Local workers push envelope

In the July 18 article "Japanese workers on U.S. bases denounce labor laws" (Japan and Okinawa editions), Japanese labor leader Kazuo Yamakawa said, "There is a limit to our patience." Please!

You know what I denounce? I denounce that active-duty military members have to (in theory) steal, beg or borrow proper equipment and/or enough military members necessary to complete missions, or at the very least to maintain a safe working environment while having to endure — let alone succumb to — the never-ending barter of continuous Master Labor Contract demands, while for themselves doing without.

If one's work — and compensation for one's work — comes solely from the Japanese government, complain away. If any compensation comes from U.S. dollars, i.e. my tax dollars, to use Mr. Yamakawa's own words, "It is very regrettable" — his audacity, that is.

Jeanmarie Morse  
Camp Kinser, Okinawa

## Gay marriages — get over it

I say good for anyone — gay, straight, bi or otherwise — who has the chance to be with that one special person. For when you

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are given the chance to be with that one special person it makes your life so much better every day. It makes you a better person and gives each of us a reason to want to do better in all aspects of our life.

When I first met my wife, I knew she was my special person and now, after al-

most six years, I am still in awe that she married me.

I look at my sister who is married to another woman and I am in awe of them. They are a great couple and their two sons are taken care of and are well-educated. Full of love and laughter. Their union is the same as mine is to my wife — a good match of two people. It should not be left up to the courts to tell everyone who can marry and who cannot. It also should not be an issue for the president because of a little thing called separation of church and state. For President Bush to have tried to get the Constitution changed was a far-fetched move, a lot like everything else he has done so far.

So many other people also want to say God says it is wrong. I say they are hiding behind God to hide their own insecurity. I mean what really happens when two people of the same sex get married? Nothing. The world doesn't stop, the rain doesn't fall and God has yet to strike down a single couple that has been married in the past.

So, get over it. Put your energies to a better cause, such as ending your ignorance, world hunger, AIDS in Africa, Bush in office, etc., and live your life. You only have one and should you really be wasting it on who married whom?

Jason Mayfield  
Weisersweyer, Germany

## U.S. troops' skill emancipated Iraq

BY DONALD RUMSFELD

**T**he troops: More than 15 months ago, a global coalition ended the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein and liberated the people of Iraq.

As in all conflicts, this has come at a cost in lives. Some of your comrades made the ultimate sacrifice. For your sacrifices, our country and the president are deeply grateful.

In a free, democratic country we have vigorous debates over important public policy issues — none more heated than a decision to go to war. But this should not distract us from the mission at hand or lessen the magnitude of your accomplishments.

The threat we face must be confronted. And you are doing so exceedingly well. Indeed it has been a historic demonstration of skill and military power.

On Sept. 11, 3,000 citizens were killed by extremists determined to frighten and intimidate our people and civilized societies. The future danger is that, if the excesses remain great, the potential, the number

of casualties would be far higher. Terrorists are continuing to plot attacks against the American people and against other civilized societies. This is a different kind of enemy and a different kind of world. And we must think and act differently in this new century.

These extremists think nothing of cutting off innocent people's heads to try to intimidate great nations. They have murdered citizens from many countries: South Korea, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom and others — hoping to strike fear in the hearts of free people.

Theirs is an ideology of oppression and subjugation of women. They seek to create radical systems that impose their views on others. And they will accept no armistice with those who choose free systems.

They see the governments of the Middle East, the United States and our stalwart allies as targets.

Consider the background. In the span of 20 years, Saddam's Iraq invaded two neighbors, Iraq and Kuwait, and launched ballistic missiles at two more. He employed poison gas against soldiers in Iraq and against Kurdish villagers in his own country.

The United Nations and the U.S. Congress shared the view that Saddam's regime was a threat to the region and the world. Indeed, in 1998, our Congress passed a resolution calling for the removal

of the regime. And over the years the U.N. passed 17 resolutions condemning Saddam's regime and calling on him to tell the U.N. about his weapons programs. He ignored every one.

Information gathered since the defeat of Saddam's regime last year confirms that his last declaration to the United Nations about his weapons programs was falsified. The U.N. resolutions had called for "serious consequences" should Saddam not comply. He did not.

The president issued a final ultimatum to Saddam to relinquish power to avoid war. Saddam chose war instead.

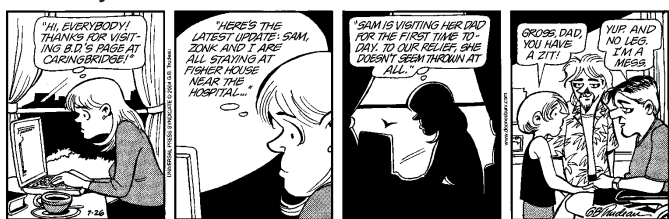
By your skill and courage, you have put a brutal dictator in the dock to be tried by the Iraqi people and restored freedom to 25 million people. By helping to repair infrastructure, rebuild schools, encourage democratic institutions and delivering educational and medical supplies, you have shown America's true character and given Iraq a chance at a new start.

But most importantly, your fight — and ultimate victory — against the forces of terror and extremism in Iraq and the Middle East will have made America safer and more secure.

You are accomplishing something noble and historic — and future generations of Americans will remember and thank you for it.

Donald Rumsfeld is secretary of defense.

## Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## OPINION

## Partisan pinches knock out voters' hopes

BY ALAN WOLFE

American politics are more partisan than ever. The American people distrust partisanship more than ever. The conflict between these two forces is as important to the election of 2004 as the contest between the Republicans and Democrats.

One of the clearest measures of partisanship is the dollars that candidates can raise. By that measure, the big surprise of the current election is that Democrats can be as partisan as Republicans, since John Kerry has surprised those who thought that he would run out of cash long before the Democratic convention. Instead, his party, much like its opponent, is getting its wealthy supporters to put their money where their mouths are.

Party unity is a second indication of partisanship, and here as well the two parties are geared for battle. Republicans have a reputation for discipline, but no Republican has been as single-minded about making his colleagues toe the line as George W. Bush; he even has John McCain appearing in his ads. Yet it is the Democrats who are more unified than ever. Liberal activists by the score are disdaining independent candidate Ron Paul. The left and right factions within the party are suppressing their differences over gay rights or Iraq to present a common

front. Unlike in the days of comedian Will Rogers, a person can now say, "I belong to an organized party; I'm a Democrat."

In addition, the parties have stopped treating each other by Marquis of Queensbury rules. The majority in many state legislatures draws district lines to ensure seats for itself. Time-honored traditions in Congress — such as bipartisan membership on conference committees — have been set aside. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi and Republican leader Tom DeLay do not just dislike each other; each thinks the other a danger to the republic.

And of course partisanship can be found in the fact that Republicans and Democrats hold different positions on many issues of the day. If you want a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, you're a Republican partisan; if you want to prevent the Supreme Court from overturning Roe vs. Wade, you're with the other guys.

True, Kerry has been careful not to distance himself too much from Bush on Iraq. But this is not Tweedledum and Tweedledee's election.

Yet while the partisans are in full fury, a lot of other Americans do not like politics, and they like partisan politics even less. This is especially true when it comes to the famed wedge issues. The Republicans and the Democrats may

disagree zealously over whether the Constitution should be amended to ban gay marriage, but most Americans simply do not think the issue is that important. Sept. 11 and the war in Iraq have changed the people's mood far more than Washington's.

Wedge issues now seem tawdry and divisive, one reason why none of them, including affirmative action and abortion, are all that prominent.

Not do Americans appreciate the negative campaigning that partisanship fuels. Incumbents, who have a record to run on, usually run on it; it is a sign of our partisan times that the sitting president is attacking his opponent as if the opponent were the one in the White House. Time will tell whether Bush's attempts to defuse Kerry negatively — or Kerry's efforts to respond — will work. But polls and voting patterns in the past show that Americans want their candidates upbeat and positive, not mean-spirited and divisive.

Then there is all that money. As they proved when they put sufficient pressure on Congress to pass the McCain-Feingold law, Americans find it unseemly when those with access to money can simply buy access to government. Given that both candidates opted out of public financing in the primaries, pressure could build again for new rules, ones that would not only limit spending but also cut down



on those annoying TV ads the money buys.

From the standpoint of the contest between the parties, the key question is which one will get more votes. In the struggle between partisanship and nonpartisanship, by contrast, the key question is how many will vote. Americans already go to the polls in far lower percentages than they did a century ago, particularly younger Americans. It may well be that the intense partisanship we are witnessing will en-

ergize each party's base and that it will turn around this decline. Or partisanship could sour the independents and centrists and keep them from voting at all, lowering once again the percentage of those who show up.

Partisan myself, I hope for the former outcome. But I would not be surprised if the latter one happened instead.

Alan Wolfe heads the Bold Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

## Teacher's victim now faces more adult situations

BY RONNIE POLANECZY

Philadelphia Daily News

She's back. She's looking for love. And, this time around, there's nothing we can — or should — do if the kid she sexually molested wants to accommodate her.

Sick as it seems, that's the hard truth about the twisted relationship between former elementary-school teacher Mary Kay Letourneau and her onetime student Vili Fualau. Because once you turn 21 in this country, the law says you're free to make as big a mess of your life as you want. It's what makes America great.

So, truthfully support Fualau's right to destroy his future, even if it makes me feel sadder than hell to see him do it. Letourneau and Fualau are sure to create a new round of disturbing headlines on Aug. 4, when Letourneau is released from the Washington prison where she's spent seven years.

Their old headlines were written in the late '90s, when Letourneau — then a lonely, 34-year-old mother of four — befriended and seduced Fualau, an emotionally needy sixth-grader.

"We had sex in the gym. We had sex in the girls' bathroom. We had sex in the classroom," Fualau said. Talk about a wide-ranging education.

They both called it love. Prosecutors called it child rape.

Letourneau, who eventually gave birth to Fualau's daughter, did jail time, was released early, ignored a court order to stay away from Fualau and was shipped back to the pokie. Where she gave birth to a second daughter by him.

Has this woman never met a contraceptive she could live with? Experts say that when Letourneau, now 42, is released from prison in two weeks, she likely will seek cus-

tomdy of the two girls, who've been raised by Fualau's mother (Letourneau rarely sees the kids she had with her now-ex-husband).

Astonishingly, Fualau, who is now an unemployed, 21-year-old consenting adult, would like to reunite with her. After he petitions the court to rescind the order keeping Letourneau from his arms.

"I'd really like to take one step at a time," he told People magazine. "Get to know each other again, talk about our finances, get married ... Try to live like normal people with a future."

Oh, dear God.

Like I said, I support Fualau's right to live his life as he sees fit. But right now everything in me hopes like crazy that he lets that judge's order stand. Not just to keep the ever-fertile Letourneau from having more babies she can't care for. But to give Fualau — a tragic figure if there ever was one

— a chance to grow up, to imagine for himself a life in which he can do better than that predator who exploited his vulnerability and stole his childhood.

"The question here is whether he will make a true choice" to be with Letourneau, says James Pedigo, medical director of the Joseph J. Peters Institute, which treats sex offenders and victims of sexual abuse. "Or is he still under her influence?"

"A judge may require him to undergo a psychiatric evaluation before he lifts the restraining order," Pedigo says, "to be sure that the woman won't be of harm to him."

But that's not guaranteed.

The only thing guaranteed, says John Salvesson, is that Fualau is not "your garden-variety 21-year-old."

"This is a person who has experienced childhood sexual abuse, and that has changed him, because it changes everyone,"

says Salvesson, director of the Philadelphia chapter of SNAP — the Survivor Network of those Abused by Priests.

"So is he making the same kind of informed decision that another 21-year-old would make to date or marry a 42-year-old woman? Absolutely not."

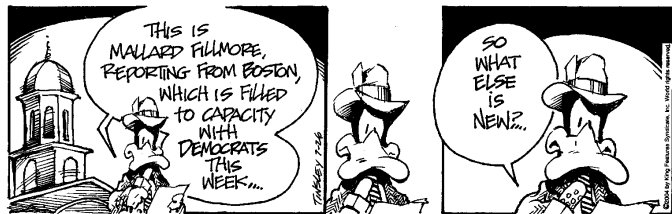
But the problem, as Pedigo and Salvesson both concede, is that damaged adults make bad, uninformed or even despicable decisions about important things every day, not just marriage (see LLo) but finances (see Martha Stewart) and child-rearing (see pop-freak Michael Jackson).

And no one stops them, unless they break the law, because life is theirs to ruin as they see fit.

In Fualau's case, his new status as a consenting adult means all we can do is watch as this betrayed-child-turned-grown-up does what he thinks is best — no matter how sad that decision looks to the rest of us.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Generous payback

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Don is giving up a life if crime, drugs and booze, and giving back to the community — the art community.

The former burglar, crack cocaine smoker, state prisoner and alcoholic has donated \$10,000 to the art gallery where he had pan-handled for the last few years.

The man — identified only as Don — inherited \$187,000 from his long-estranged mother who died a year ago. Executors of her estate tracked him down a month ago through his Social Security number and help from local social workers.

One of the first things Don did was show his gratitude to Blue Room Gallery owner Paul Mahler for treating him with respect.

"When I had a heart attack and wound up in the hospital a year ago, who was the only person to visit me? Paul. And when I needed a doorway to sleep in over the past couple years, who let me? Paul," Don said. "He treated me like a human being. That's something you don't forget."

Both men burst into tears when Don presented his check.

## Big job, little man

**ND** GRAND FORKS — Seven-month-old Caleb Gowan had some big shoes to fill.

The baby boy was the best man at his uncle's wedding. Jeremy Gowan was to be the best man at his brother's wedding, but when he was called to duty in Iraq earlier this month, the bride and groom had to find a stand-in.

Josh Gowan and his bride, Tami Osowski, decided Jeremy's son, Caleb, could do the job. An American flag waving on the front lawn was the only clue that something was missing at the Oslo, Minn., wedding.

Caleb, who can sit and is starting to crawl, was carried up the aisle and spent the ceremony in the arms of groomsmen Chris Gowan.

## Extended sentence

**PA** ALLENTOWN — A 17-year-old Allentown boy who threw a chunk of ice off an overpass, killing a minivan passenger, will spend six more months in a secure juvenile facility, a judge ruled.

Dennis Gumbs will be recommended to Alternative Rehabilitation Communities in Franklin County. Another hearing will be scheduled in six months to review his placement. Lehigh County Judge Lawrence J. Brenner ruled Wednesday.

Gumbs has been in the facility since August, when Brenner found Gumbs delinquent of third-degree murder and reckless endangerment.

## Off the hook

**TX** BRYAN — A Bryan civic leader who left his 6-year-old daughter alone a highway in August has been acquitted of abandoning and endangering her with intent to return.

Roy Flores, 43, told authorities that his intentions were not to abandon his "fearless and determined" child, but to teach her a lesson after she tried to run away.



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The decision to acquit him came after more than five hours of deliberation and a near mistrial when jurors sent out a note stating it was unlikely they would be able to reach a consensus, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported.

## Gas survey continues

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — A federal judge refused Tuesday to halt a natural gas survey alongside an eastern Utah canyon that contains a wealth of ancient Indian ruins and rock art.

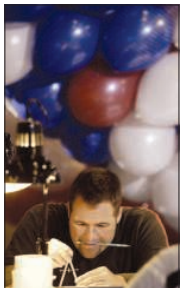
U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan threw out a lawsuit filed by The Wilderness Society and other groups and upheld the Bureau of Land Management's decision to let a Denver company look for an estimated 66 billion cubic feet of natural gas reserves.

While Sullivan was making his decision, Bill Barrett Corp. was able in late May to begin a seismic survey involving the use of blast holes and heavy "vibroreiss" trucks, which pound the earth looking for likely gas traps deep underground.

## Explosive situation

**PA** ALLENTOWN — Police closed streets and evacuated homes, paralyzing rush hour traffic, when an employee discovered a case of dynamite at a salvage yard.

An employee at E. Schneider & Sons Inc. found three steel boxes



## Finishing touches

Steve Bass, one of three set designers working on the Democratic National Convention, works on drawings of the convention stage near some balloons which will be lifted into the convention center's ceiling rafters.

with wooden linings that he believed might have contained explosives and called emergency services. One box contained dynamite.

The Allentown Fire Department's bomb squad doused at least 60 sticks of dynamite with diesel fuel to neutralize them, then burned them on the site, sending a cloud of thick black smoke above the scrap yard.

## Not related

**WI** MADISON — The City Council narrowly rejected a plan to make Madison the sister city of Rafah, a violence-wracked Palestinian city, after a marathon session that ran into the early morning Wednesday.

The nonpartisan council in this predominantly liberal university town voted 9-8 for the plan, but that fell short of the 11 votes needed to pass.

More than 100 speakers testified, with some saying the proposal was a political slap at Israel and others calling it an important step to help Rafah's residents. The city, on the southern edge of the Gaza Strip, has been the scene of frequent violent conflict with Israel.

## Offered double duty

**PA** ALTAMONT — A man who's worked as a part-time police officer for different municipalities now has been hired as a full-time officer — by two departments.

Frackville Borough hired Livegood as a full-time officer at a special meeting Tuesday. That night he was hired as a full-time officer by West Mahanoy Township. The Frackville job would pay a starting salary of about \$25,000 a year, Police Chief John M. Morgan Jr. said. The West Mahanoy job would pay about \$23,920 a year.

## Back in politics

**WA** SEATTLE — Judith Billings, who resigned as Washington state school superintendent in 1996 after learning that she had become infected with the AIDS virus from artificial insemination, announced Wednesday that she is running to get her old job back.

She said her HIV infection will not prevent her from campaigning, and her doctor approves.

## Man on the run

**NY** SYRACUSE — A 36-year-old man led police on a brief car chase, driving on sidewalks, through parking lots and even against traffic on a busy boulevard, so he wouldn't get caught with stolen library books.

"The officers were a little taken back when they found out what the deal was. They couldn't believe it," said Syracuse police spokesman Sgt. Tom Connellan, who added police broke off pursuit because the situation Sunday became too dangerous.

There were no injuries, and — even more amazingly — Connellan said — no property damage.

Byron Haynes of Syracuse was to be arraigned Monday in Syracuse City Court on misdemeanor charges of reckless endangerment, petit larceny and reckless driving, as well as numerous traffic infractions.



## The price is right

Sales clerk Brenda Elder of Gainesboro, Va., uses a price gun to attach orange price stickers to Jesus statues for sale at Nalls Farm Market in Berryville, Va.



## The hard way

Anthony Osisek and his son, Mitchell Rowe, 8, push a couch across a street in Kokomo, Ind. Two of Osisek's other children, Tiffany Brodewski, 3, and Wayne Rowe, 2, are sitting on the couch.



## Lounging

Jackson Jones, flight mechanic for Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry's campaign plane, reclines in the front of a jet engine as he waits for Kerry to arrive to depart from Nantucket, Mass.





Off the deep end

Bradley Boling, 14, of Bowling Green, Ky., dives off the 3-meter board at Southland Family Club.



Waning light

A bird perched high in a tree watches the sun set in Williamsville, N.Y.



Splashing around

A young swimmer splashes in a waterfall to cool off at the pool at Carl Levin Park in Harker Heights, Texas.



Swimming in seafood

Tom Monahan, right, and Ed Williams enjoy steamed crabs in a tent during the annual J. Millard Tawes Crab & Clam Bake in Crisfield, Md.

## Roofman Robber loose

**NC** POLKTON — A one-time U.S. Army reservist from Concord, Calif., who gained infamy as the "Roofman Robber," dropping through the roofs of McDonald's restaurants around the country as smoothly as soft-serve landing in a cone, is again on the run after escaping from a North Carolina prison.

Jeffery Manchester, 32, is suspected of at least 40 robberies at McDonald's and other businesses from California to Virginia during a two-year spree that ended with his arrest in 2000. In each case, a masked gunman drilled through the roof and surprised employees before the fast-food place's opening or after its closing.

But Manchester has not been seen since escaping June 15 from Brown Creek Correctional Institution in Polkton, N.C., where he was serving a 45-year sentence for kidnapping and armed robbery for two McDonald's heists in that state.

## Natural gas hike

**NE** ALLIANCE — Natural gas bills will increase \$2 beginning next month in 16 Nebraska towns.

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners announced Wednesday that it would be allowed to recover \$1.17 million in legal fees as part of a settlement in a long-running natural gas contract dispute.

Under terms of the agreement, the Houston-based company will be reimbursed for the \$590,000 it paid to replenish the Municipal Natural Gas Regulation Revolving Loan Fund. The fund provides state money to assist municipalities involved in rate cases.

## Energizing jolt

**WI** MADISON — A Madison man who was struck by lightning this week says he feels "lighter and 100 years younger" than he did before Tuesday's accident.

"I'm feeling like my body is light. It's the best I've probably felt as far as energy in 10 years," said John Corson, 56, the day after he was struck by lightning while working outside his home.

Corson thought the afternoon thunder-and-lightning storm had passed his home, and had gone outside to work on a renovation project when the lightning hit him.

Corson, who has had three cardiac surgeries, spent eight hours at Redington-Fairview General Hospital after the accident while doctors tested his blood for any effect on his heart.

## Victim jailed over shots

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — A man who wrestled a burglar's gun away and shot him with it as he fled has been jailed on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

Harvey Williams, 29, arrived home Tuesday to find the burglar at the door of his apartment. The men wrestled in a stairway before spilling out onto the sidewalk, where the gun fell to the ground, according to police.

"At that point, the burglar started running down the street," police spokesman Dewayne Tully said. "Mr. Williams picked up the gun and started firing at him, hit-

ting him."

The burglar was in critical but stable condition Wednesday after a gunshot wound to the back.

## Bail jumper

**TX** FORT WORTH — For the second time, a woman awaiting sentencing on felony charges of abandoning her twin toddlers on a Lake Worth road last year has jumped bail.

And authorities say Christy Leann Radacy, 24, may have fled to Europe again.

A district court judge signed three felony arrest warrants after Radacy apparently cut off her court-ordered leg monitor Sunday.

Radacy pleaded guilty this month to charges stemming from her 22-month-old girls being left on the road on May 26, 2003.

## Fiery rescue

**VA** REMINGTON — Three people rescued a man from his burning car after it collided with another on U.S. 29 early Wednesday, state police said.

Christopher Cota III, 43, of Midland, was in the intensive care unit at Culpeper Regional Hospital, Trooper Ken Blank said.

Blank said Cota's car was going north in the southbound lanes of the highway about 1:30 a.m. and burst into flames after a head-on collision on a curve with an oncoming car. Cota will be charged with driving under the influence, Blank said.

## Stuck in the mud

**VA** CROTON-ON-HUDSON — At least six got to see a couple of great blue herons.

Joan Indusi, a 52-year-old schoolteacher from Ossining, got stuck in a mudhole on the Hudson River shoreline for more than an hour Tuesday when she left a footpath in Croton Point Park in search of feathered friends.

"I never believed you could get stuck to the point where you literally could not move," she said Wednesday, "but I was up to my knees and I was trying to lift my leg up and I couldn't."

Luckily, she was carrying a cell phone along with her birding binoculars and was able to call police. She was unable to tell the officers exactly where she was, however, so they drove to the park and sounded a siren periodically. She would then tell them if they were getting closer or farther away.

## Airport hijinx

**GA** ATLANTA — An airline passenger wearing only a pair of pajama bottoms stole a baggage tractor at the city's main airport and drove it onto an active runway, police said.

Atlanta police say Robert W. Burzell, 31, had walked out an exit door that had an alarm at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Flights were not affected by the incident, which took place before 6 a.m. Wednesday, airport officials said.

The man was stopped by mechanics, who asked him for an employee identification card. When he could not provide one, they escorted him to an office and called police.

Photos and stories from The Associated Press

# Horoscope

The Scorpio moon tunes us in to the subtleties that shape our environment, and with Mercury now in Virgo, it's even easier to home in on the microscopic details we missed earlier—the clues that will give us that exhilarating “ah!” moment tonight. The moon shifts into Sagittarius, and it's difficult to get to sleep.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 26).** You're changing your whole basis of operation this year. You've got so many wonderful things going on that you need to no longer have time for the nonsense. Next month brings a leg up on the career front. You'll be able to go much further with a mentor, so find one. Romance through the fall makes you feel like a poet. Love signs are Pisces and Virgo.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Synergy: Your life needs it, and your special project won't fly without it. So find people or organizations you work well with because it can't happen on your own. A minute adjustment to your personal life makes a big difference.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Phone calls from a distance both cheer you and fill you with curiosity. What do the callers want, you may wonder. Presume innocence, and you can have a good old time chatting away. Tell someone how grateful you are for help.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your intentions may be clear to you, but not so to the people around you. State where you're going. You'll get more help, especially from a powerful person. Your family could bomb the house because you have the best solutions.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** In the morning, you arise remembering the things that you forgot to do yesterday. Was it somebody's birthday? Did you overlook an assignment? Whatever the misstep, correct it before noon, and the damage is minimal.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Capture the respect of those under you at work. Even if it's not your job.

pitching in to show that you're not above doing what it takes to make the team run smoothly will earn you all the esteem you desire.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**

Close relationships are your main focus, though you don't want them to be. Big issues make it impossible for you to go along your merry way—your mind is tied into either worrying or scheming about how to make it all work out.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There's no reason to be jealous of friends who always seem to be taking tips and exploring new parts of the world. Get on the Internet, and book something! It's not as expensive as you might think. Invest in children.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're so content with your own little bubble of a world that it's hard to let anyone in. But a little change or, better yet, conflict will actually be good for you. Spot screening your calls, and make some daring ones of your own.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**

There's a long list of things that have to happen in order for you to pull off a big plan. But don't you worry. Your creativity and bubbling enthusiasm act as a magnet to draw whatever is needed.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

Your efforts (and your efforts alone) will determine your financial status. This might be hard to accept when it feels like higher-ups have all the power over the size of your paycheck. This is only an illusion.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).**

Some think love is a game; others think it is a dance—lately, you see it as an equation to be solved. Your analytical look at love seems to give you more options. If one way doesn't work, there are 1,000 other solutions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

Money luck is on the rise. Opportunities to earn more include physical labor, not just coming up with ideas, but you're feeling strong (and can use the exercise). Let go of a nagging and unfulfilling obligation.

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## Calvin and Hobbes



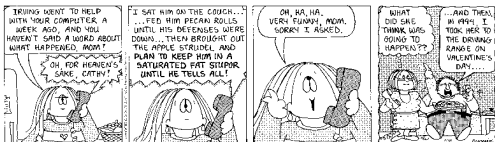
## Jump Start



## Zits



## Kathy



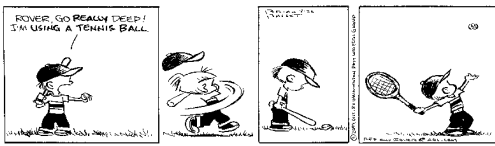
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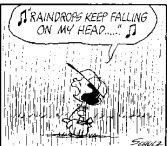
## Red Rover



## Better or Worse



## Peanuts



## Foxtrot



**B.C.**



## Baby Blues



## Spider Man



## Blondie



## Dilbert



## Hagar



## Garfield



## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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| 1 IRS worker  | 60 Kreskin's claim   | 26 Hertz rival         |
| 4 Scenery     | 61 Lair              | 27 Whatever's left     |

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| 11 Sty cry             | 1 Search through              | 30 "Wind in the Willows" character |
| 13 Leading lady?       | 2 Wharf                       |                                    |
| 14 Between assignments | 3 Con                         | 31 Apprehend                       |
| 15 Apportion           | 4 Coop denizen                | 35 Prized possession               |
| 16 Affirmative action? | 5 Say with certainty          | 38 Coloration                      |
| 17 Double agent        | 6 First-aid provider          | 40 Sine-non link                   |
| 18 Tense               | 7 Monosaccharides             | 42 Possibly                        |
| 20 Threaty streak      | 8 Fuss                        | 45 "South Pacific" words           |
| 22 Corral              | 9 Unhealthy                   | 47 Incursion                       |
| 24 Peter Pan, e.g.     | 10 Shelter                    | 48 Loathario's look                |
| 28 Native dweller      | 12 Don't be obfuscatory       | 49 Night light                     |
| 32 Work on a loom      | 21 Make like Johnny Appleseed | 50 Occupation                      |
| 33 Express disapproval | 23 Bottom line                | 51 "— Lazy River"                  |
| 34 Playground          |                               | 52 Fairly queen                    |
|                        |                               | 54 Chart                           |

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## 7-26 CRYPTOQUIP

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**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF A GUY IS INTO ATHEISM, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S PART OF A NONPROPHET ORGANIZATION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals L

# Don't take trait debate personally

**Dear Abby:** I have a 1-year-old daughter with a man I chose not to marry. Every time I take my little girl to visit her grandparents, they bombard me with comments about who my child favors. Everything, from his family's point of view, comes from her father—down to her baby noises and facial gestures.

What makes this so hurtful is it's simply not true. I have tried to politely slip some baby pictures of myself to them in the hope they'd take the hint and stop. My daughter does resemble her daddy, but she also has my hair, eyes, skin and some facial features. Nothing has worked so far, and I am beyond frustrated.

Please print this because, childish as it may seem, being made to feel like a test tube who contributed nothing really hurts.

**— Invisable in Alabama**

**Dear Invisible:** Stop hinting and tell your daughter's grand-

parents exactly what you have told me and the rest of my readers. But please say it gently, because what they are doing isn't unusual. When a child is born, it's natural for families to look for and recognize their own genetic traits. They may be tactless, but

I'm sure they don't mean to be cruel. You are far more than a "test tube." You're a caring and conscientious mother for making sure that your child has a relationship with her grandparents.

**Dear Abby:** I just got a phone call from my father. He hadn't called in more than three months, so I was a little surprised to hear from him. The first words out of his mouth were, "Can I borrow \$250 to get my car fixed? You don't even have to get me a Father's Day present."

My dad is not poor. Now he is mad at me for saying no.

He says I'm ungrateful, and that I owe it to him for all the years he paid child support to my mom.

I don't have the money to spare. I just spent a lot to have my own car fixed, and I'm saving for a new one. Was I wrong not to give him the loan? Should I have done it to keep the peace?

**— Second Thoughts in Utah**

**Dear Second Thoughts:** It depends on your relationship with your father. Obviously, you are not particularly close or there wouldn't have been a three-month gap between conversations. And since "the first words out of his mouth" were to ask for money, your dad's diplomatic skills could use some sharpening.

I don't think you were wrong to refuse. P.S. Your father paid child support because he was required by law to do it. You do not owe him money in return.

Letters for this column — with your name and other identifying information — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69410, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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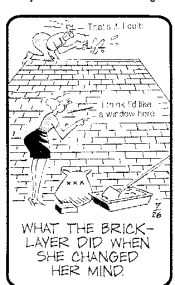
Ans:     IN THE

Saturday's Jumbles: FAVOR POUND VERMIN REDEEM

Answer: What the cowboys did with the herd of cattle

— DROVE THE DROVE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Father, daughter seem too close

**Dear Annie:** You recently printed a letter about a single father who seemed overly familiar with his 14-year-old daughter. I have a similar problem.

"Milo" and I have been dating for a year. He has two daughters, and I am concerned about the relationship he has with the older one, who lives with him. I understand that Milo is close to both his daughters because he has raised them as a single parent for the past 16 years. But "Emily" is 23, and something is not right.

Whenever I visit Milo at his place, Emily is usually cuddled up to him in a fashion I would call intimate. She strokes his hair and rubs her foot up and down his leg. Maybe I was wrong, but I never touched my father in this manner, and neither do most women I know.

Milo's younger daughter, who lives on her own, does little more than kiss her father on the cheek when she visits. Both girls date,

so I'm surprised Emily doesn't save this stuff for her boyfriend. I am not comfortable seeing Emily touch her father in this way and would like to bring it up to him. Should I, or is it none of my business?

**— Too Close for Comfort**

**Dear Too Close:** Does Emily behave like this all the time, or only when you are visiting? It seems she is "marking her territory," so to speak, and letting you know that she will always come first in Daddy's life. The fact that Daddy doesn't mind is what disturbs us.

Yes, you can bring this up to Milo, but gently. Let him know you find such father-daughter intimacy unusual, and that Emily seems rather possessive when you are around. Tell him it makes you uncomfortable. If he values your relationship, he will ask Emily to cool it. If not, at least you'll know where you stand.

**Dear Annie:** I have a question about proper hand towel etiquette.

When there is a cloth roll for drying one's hands in a public bathroom, is it better to pull the roll down to a fresh piece when you are finished or leave it alone? I'm a janitor and would prefer not to have to change those rolls so often.

**— Throwing in the Towel** in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

**Dear Alberta:** This isn't so much about etiquette as it is about hygiene. Electric hand dryers and disposable paper towels are less likely to transmit germs. For the cloth roll, I think each person should pull down a fresh piece after drying his or her own hands, instead of leaving a soiled area for the next person to yank at. The important thing is to wash your hands thoroughly and try not to touch too much.

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## Annie's Mailbox



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"Why not?"

## GRAFFITI!

Sometimes Kindness goes a long way when it should stay home

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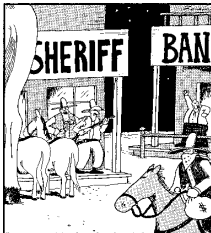
## Dennis the Menace



"THESE ARE DELICIOUS DENNIS. THE FROSTING IS SO SMOOTH."

## © Gary Larson

## The Far Side



"Looks like the bank's been hit again. Well, no hurry—we'll take the big horse."

## Non Sequiter















## SCOREBOARD

## AFN schedule

Times listed are Japan and Korea Standard time. Guam is one hour ahead; Seoul, Taipei and Hong Kong are two hours ahead. Schedule subject to change without notice.

## Television

**AFN-Pacific/AFN-Africa**  
MON, July 26, at 2:30 a.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Nextel Cup New England 300.

## AFN-Atlantic

MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Tampa Bay vs. Toronto.  
MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Texas vs. Oakland.  
TUE, July 27, at 8 a.m. — Pro baseball: St. Louis vs. Cincinnati.

## AFN-Sports

MON, July 26, at 3 a.m. — Pro baseball: Milwaukee vs. Houston.  
MON, July 26, at 3 a.m. — Pro baseball: N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston.  
MON, July 26, at 1:30 p.m. — Pro baseball: Hall of Fame induction.  
MON, July 26, at 4 p.m. — Pro tennis: Rick Krajicevic.

MON, July 26, at 6 p.m. — Pro golf: Senior PGA Tour, final round.  
MON, July 26, at 8:00 p.m. — Auto racing: Indianapolis 500, A.J. Foyt 250.

MON, July 26, at 11 a.m. — Cycling: Tour de France, final stage.  
TUE, July 27, at 1 a.m. — Pro golf: PGA Tour U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee.

TUE, July 27, at 4 a.m. — Soccer: Colombia vs. Paraguay, Copa Libertadores.  
TUE, July 27, at 4 a.m. — Pro racing: N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston.

TUE, July 27, at 11 a.m. — Pro baseball: San Francisco vs. San Diego.  
TUE, July 27, at 4 a.m. — Auto racing: CART (Championship) Molten Indy Vantage.

TUE, July 27, at 7 p.m. — Pro baseball: Minnesota vs. Chicago White Sox.

## Radio

**Korea — AFN Thunder-AM**  
MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets.  
MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Seattle vs. Los Angeles.

MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston.

## Okinawa — AFN Surf 648-AM

MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets.

MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: San Diego vs. Los Angeles.

MON, July 26, at 2 a.m. — Pro baseball: N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston.

## Pro soccer

## Major League Soccer

**Eastern Conference**  
MetroStars 6 5 23 29 GA  
D.C. United 5 5 20 23  
Columbus 5 5 20 17  
New England 4 5 17 26

**Western Conference**  
Los Angeles 9 5 32 32  
Kansas City 9 4 31 26  
Colorado 5 5 20 23  
Dallas 5 5 20 17

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for a tie.

## Saturday's games

Columbus at MetroStars  
D.C. United at Dallas  
San Diego at Kansas City  
New England at San Jose

## Wednesday, July 28

Dallas at Columbus  
Columbus at Kansas City  
Chicago at Colorado

## Saturday, July 31

All-Star Game at Washington

## Japan baseball

**Central League**  
Chunichi 46 31 582  
Yomiuri 48 45 583  
Fukuoka 40 40 500  
Yakult 37 40 481  
Hiroshima 36 43 456

Chunichi 2, Hiroshima 1  
Yakult 1, Hanshin 1  
Yokohama 0

## Pacific League

Daiichi 54 35 267  
Tohoku 47 37 280  
Nippon Ham 45 42 1483  
Lotte 41 42 1451  
Softbank 39 49 243  
Orix 36 51 2,414

## Saturday's games

Grip, 6 Nippon Ham 4  
Kintetsu 1, Seibu 1  
Debie, 6 Daiichi 4

## Cycling

## Tour de France

**At Branson, France**  
150.196 individual time trial at Branson  
Lance Armstrong, United States, 50:16.8  
Post-Berry Floor, 1 hour, 6 minutes, 49 seconds.

2. Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 1 minute, 1 second behind.  
3. Andreas Klöden, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 1 minute, 27 seconds behind.

4. Floyd Landis, United States, U.S. Postal-Berry Floor, 2 minutes, 26 seconds behind.  
5. Bobby Julich, United States, Team CSC, 2 minutes, 48 seconds behind.

6. Jan Ullrich, Germany, Team CSC, 2 minutes, 50 seconds behind.  
7. Andrei Karginov, Team CSC, 3 minutes, 19 seconds behind.

8. Vladimir Karpets, Russia, EIS Baleares-B, 3 minutes, 33 seconds behind.  
9. Jose Luis Rubiera, Spain, U.S. Postal-Berry Floor, 3 minutes, 40 seconds behind.

10. Jose Azevedo, Portugal, U.S. Postal-Berry Floor, 3 minutes, 49 seconds behind.

**Overall Standings (After 19 of 21 stages)**  
1. Lance Armstrong, United States, U.S. Postal-Berry Floor, 79 hours, 17 minutes, 11 seconds.

2. Andreas Klöden, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 6 minutes, 38 seconds behind.

3. Jan Ullrich, Germany, Team CSC, 2 minutes, 59 seconds behind.

4. Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile Team, 9 minutes, 9 seconds behind.

5. Andrei Karginov, U.S. Postal-Berry Floor, 14 minutes, 30 seconds behind.

**WNBA**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

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New York 12 51 522  
Charlotte 11 47 478  
Washington 11 47 478

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
Los Angeles 12 51 522  
Seattle 12 51 522  
Phoenix 11 47 478  
San Antonio 11 47 478

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Detroit 11 47 478  
Charlotte 11 47 478  
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## Tennis

**RCA Championships**  
Friday  
At the Indianapolis Tennis Center  
Purse: \$500,000 (juni. Series)  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

**Quarterfinals**  
Gregory Carraz, France, def. Noah Okun, Israel, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

1. Andy Roddick, USA, def. Sebastian Prieto, Spain, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

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3. Kevin Hewitt, Canada, def. 20. Steve Kierstead, USA, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

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# Cowboys banking on George for a title run

BY TODD ARCHER

The Dallas Morning News

IRVING, Texas — Lounging with John Jantz, on a blue sofa in the middle of the Cowboys' locker room Friday afternoon, Eddie George felt at ease.

"It looks the same from the last time I was here," George said.

Eight years after his first visit to Dallas to accept the Deak Walker Award, George will take up a more permanent residence with the Cowboys, signing a one-year contract that he can be worth as much as \$5 million. He received a \$1.5 million signing bonus and will be paid a base salary of \$660,000. If he runs for 1,300 yards and scores 10 touchdowns, he will receive \$3 million in incentives.

And if he does that, the Cowboys might have a successful season.

"I think I can still carry the load and do the things I've been doing," said George, who ran for 1,000 yards in eight seasons for the Tennessee Titans.

"I was just asking for the oppor-

tunity and being in the right fit and the right situation. This could be it."

George, 30, will have to prove that he has plenty left when training camp begins next week in Oxnard, Calif.

Among the top 20 rushers in NFL history, George (3.7 yards per carry) is one of only two who have not averaged 4 yards a carry (John Riggins is the other). He has also been nagged by shoulder, knee, calf and toe injuries in recent years, but he has not missed a start.

The Cowboys were prepared to let second-round pick Julius Jones win the starting job, but now, according to coach Bill Parcells' plan, the best player will play, and that's OK with George. But he has never shared the workload.

"It's not ideal," George said. "I've never been in that situation. I'll get into camp and see what happens."

George is also aware of Parcells' history with Otis Anderson, who went five years between



Eddie George, left, signed a one-year contract that, with incentives, could be worth as much as \$5 million. Cowboys owner GM Jerry Jones, right, would gladly pay the \$3 million bonus for a 1,300-yard season that includes 10 touchdowns. George, 30, has 10,000 career rushing yards.

1,000-yard seasons before 1989, when he ran for 1,023 for the New York Giants. In 1990, the Giants selected running back Rodney Hampton in the first round, but Anderson's hard-running style led Parcells to his second Super Bowl victory.

"Bill Parcells has a very good feel for the right way to maximize the value to a team of a veteran running back," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said.

Terry Glenn, who played with George at Ohio State, believes a change of scenery will help.

"Sometimes when you stay with a team a long, long time, things get redundant," Glenn said.

"Also, I think he's going to have a chip on his shoulder with the way things went down in Tennessee."

The Titans asked George to take a pay cut, which he declined, leading to his release after this week.

"It's very odd," said George of being with another team. "Change is inevitable, and it comes in different ways. And right now I'm in a transition point and an adjustment period. The organization is doing everything they can to make me feel comfortable as soon as possible. It's been difficult. It's been emotional."

The Cowboys had a similar divorce last year when they released Emmitt Smith, the NFL's career leading rusher. Smith signed with Arizona, and he ran for a career-low 256 yards in 10 games.

The Cowboys are hoping George can be another Anderson, not last year's Smith.

## Dallas mulls decision on disgruntled WR Bryant

From wire reports

IRVING, Texas — Antonio Bryant paid a brief visit to the Cowboys' Valley Ranch facility Friday, and the third-year receiver is expected back Monday for a visit with coach Bill Parcells to determine his status with the team.

During on-field work last month, Bryant was included in a practice drill with wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson and wide receivers coach Todd Haley. Bryant resumed working out in Dallas a few weeks ago but not at the team's facility.

The Cowboys have delayed making a decision about Bryant. A few teams have called about trading for Bryant, but the Cowboys want a significant draft pick in return. Though headstrong, Bryant does possess talent, and the team's wide receiving group is not deep.

Agent Lamont Smith said Bryant wants

to stay in Dallas.

"He understands that he needs to control his actions," Smith said.

Meanwhile, safety Darren Woodson will meet again with doctors Monday before probably undergoing surgery to repair a ruptured disk Tuesday.

The Cowboys want to have surgery performed as soon as possible so Woodson does not miss much of the regular season. Owner and general manager Jerry Jones said the most Woodson would miss is eight weeks, which would run into the home opener Sept. 9 in Cleveland.

"We've had good experiences with former players with this type of surgery," Jones said, citing Troy Aikman, Charles Haley and Jay Novacek as examples. "Darren has had an excellent off-season relative to his conditioning. We believe that if an athlete is in great shape, then his chance of getting back quickly and successfully are really enhanced."

### Jets QB Pennington puts deadline on contract talks

Chad Pennington and the New York Jets have agreed to continue negotiations on a contract extension through the end of August, but then will be off talks until after the 2004 season if no agreement is reached.

"I have made it clear that once the month of August is over, negotiations will stop if nothing has been reached," Pennington said Friday.

Pennington's agent, Tom Condon, met with Jets officials before the NFL Draft, Pennington said. Since then, he said, "there wasn't too much discussion."

Pennington is entering the final year of the five-year contract he signed as a rookie in 2000. If the Jets don't sign him to an extension before the end of August, they will be in the same position next offseason that the Colts faced with quarterback Peyton Manning, who played last season on the final year of his deal.

Rather than apply the franchise tag to Manning in the offseason, which would have given him a salary of \$18 million for 2004, the Colts signed Manning to a seven-year deal worth \$98 million, including a \$34.5 million signing bonus.

Pennington and Manning are represented by the same agent, Condon, who also represents Manning's brother, Giants rookie quarterback Eli Manning.

### Texans' first-round pick signs

HOUSTON — Cornerback Dunta Robinson, the 10th overall pick in the NFL Draft, signed a six-year deal Saturday worth about \$10.7 million with the Houston Texans.

Robinson is the highest selection of any team to agree to terms this offseason. The Texans have signed both of their first-round picks, the other being outside linebacker Jason Babin, who was taken 27th overall.

## Revamped Giants seek turnaround

BY TOM CANAVAN

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants are going to training camp excited about Eli Manning's future and hopeful coach Tom Coughlin's no-nonsense approach returns them to respectability.

The rampant Super Bowl hopes that accompanied them to the University at Albany last summer have been tempered by a horrid season that led to the firing of Jim Fassel and hiring of Coughlin.

The four-win season also led to a retooling highlighted by a bold draft-day trade that landed the No. 1 pick overall — Manning.

Since then, incumbent quarterback Kerry Collins was waived, two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner was signed and massive changes were made.

"I know the popular perception was that we were going to be very good last year and the popular perception is we are going to be lousy this year," said John Mara, the Giants' chief operating officer. "I don't know if that is true. In fact, I don't think that is true."

Most of the offseason talk involving the Giants has centered on Manning, the son of former NFL quarterback Archie Manning and the brother of Indianapolis Colts QB Peyton Manning.

The offense will belong to Manning once he is ready. Until then, Warner will run the show.

How well Warner does will depend more on the revamped offensive line and the health of off-injured tight end Jeremy Shockey, who has earned Pro Bowl honors in his first two seasons.

The line, which allowed a league-high 45 sacks after being devastated by injuries, will look different with the exception of Luke Petitgoat at left tackle. Center Chris Bober was lost to free agency and guard Rich Seubert is questionable coming back from a broken leg.

Center Shaun O'Hara, tackle Barry Stokes and tackle Mathias Mikenti were signed as free agents. David Diehl had a good rookie season starting at guard, although there has been talk of moving him to tackle.

The Giants have high hopes for guard Chris Snee, their second-round draft pick.

Tiki Barber, who hopes to overcome a fumbling problem, is still the No. 1 halfback. Coughlin has decided to give former Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne a final chance.

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# Armstrong's ride into record book nearly complete

## Victory in time trial turns final stage into victory lap

By JOHN LEICESTER  
The Associated Press

BESANCON, France — Lance Armstrong capped his most dominant Tour de France with another impressive win in the final time trial Saturday, all but guaranteeing that he will ride into history as the first six-time champion in the race's 101-year history.

Pedaling furiously toward a stage victory that he didn't even need, Armstrong overpowered his rivals again, quickly building a gaping lead which he carried past cheering crowds to the finish line of the individual race against the clock.

Riding a high-tech aerodynamic bike, and wearing the leader's yellow jersey, the Texan finished 61 seconds faster than Ullrich, the 1997 Tour champion and a five-time runner-up.

The stage win was Armstrong's fifth of this Tour, his most since he won cycling's most prestigious event for the first time in 1999.

Only a crippling crash or other catastrophe will prevent Sunday's closing ride into Paris from being a lap of honor for Armstrong.

"To be on the verge of breaking history is incredibly special," he said.

Still, he remained cautious.

"I'm always careful to say that we have another day to go, and if you crash on the Champs Elysee



Lance Armstrong, above, will earn his 66th yellow jersey on Sunday, the third-most in the Tour de France. Eddy Merckx had 96 and Bernard Hinault 78.

and don't finish tomorrow, then you don't win. So I have to be careful and hope it works out," Armstrong said.

"What does it mean to me win six Tours? It's very difficult to say. You'll have to ask me in a couple weeks, I think. When I won the first one, I thought I could die and go away a happy man. To win six is very hard to put into words."

Armstrong remained modest. Andreas Klöden, Ullrich's teammate, was third Saturday and rode so fast that he surpassed Ivan Basso for second in the overall standings.

"I wouldn't be so bold as to call it a domination," he said.

Basso, the only rider other than Armstrong to win a stage in the Pyrenees this year, is 6:59 behind. Ullrich is 9:09 back.

Armstrong's overall lead of 6:38 over Klöden is one of his biggest. Last year, he beat Ullrich by just 61 seconds.

practice of excusing some athletes from interviews with selection officers. The interviews are part of the academy's admissions process.

Nevertheless, Ryan concluded, "the Air Force Academy's admissions process does not give undue emphasis to recruiting." He said 16 percent of the academy's cadets were recruited as athletes.

He said there was no statistically significant difference in the academic success of athletes and non-athletes, and that their Air Force careers also were comparable.

No mention was made during the meeting of four cadets, including two athletes, who face charges involving illegal steroids. Lt. Gen. John Rosa, the academy's superintendent, said there was no hint of any athletic department involvement in the cases.

# AFA: Athletes get no special treatment

By ROBERT WELLER  
The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — A review has concluded that the Air Force Academy's athletic department does not give athletes special treatment to maintain winning records.

The review, led by a retired general, was ordered as part of an examination of the academy after female cadets reported being punished for reporting sexual assaults. Critics questioned the handling of disciplinary cases involving athletes.

At a meeting with the Board of Visitors, the academy's oversight board, retired Gen. Michael Ryan recommended some changes, including ending the

# Doolan upends Sorenstam to win Evian Masters title

The Associated Press

EVIAN, France — Australia's Wendy Doolan captured the Evian Masters title on Saturday.

Doolan, 35, collected the biggest check of her professional career (\$375,000) with a final-round 7-under-par 65 to finish 18-under, one stroke ahead of world No. 1 Annika Sorenstam, who had a 71.

Doolan climbed the leader board with a birdie-eagle-birdie-eagle-birdie stretch from holes six to 10. She played her final eight holes in even-par, finishing with a birdie.

"I'm going to cherish this because I wouldn't be surprised if it never happens again," Doolan said.

Doolan trailed Sorenstam by six strokes with 12 holes to play, then led by three when she stepped onto the 16th tee.

"I just knew I had it in me to make a lot of birdies on this course," the Australian said. "This means what I'm doing is working for me."

## Golf roundup

It was Doolan's third LPGA title in a nine-year career. Sorenstam, who led by three at the start of the final round, played the first 15 holes in 2-over. She made a charge with the birdies on the last three holes, missing a 35-foot eagle putt on 18 that would've forced a playoff.

Sorenstam finished second, with Mexico's Lorena Ochoa (68) in third, two behind Doolan. "It's disappointing when you get into position to win and don't do it, in third, two behind Doolan."

Forty-year-old Michelle Wie shot 69 and finished tied for 33rd.

**Club pro from Delaware leads Senior British Open**

PORTSMOUTH, Northern Ireland — Peter Oakley, a club pro from

Delaware, shot 1-over 73 at wind-swept Royal Portrush on Saturday to take a one-shot lead over the final round of the Senior British Open.

Oakley, who had to qualify for the championship, leads Don Pooley and Mark McNulty by one stroke. Tom Rite and Mark James trail by two.

Asked if he believed he would be leading the \$1.6 million championship going into the final round, the pro from The Rookery in Rehoboth Beach said, "Not in my wildest dreams. I was more nervous trying to qualify for this event. I was one of 132 people trying to qualify for 20 spots."

Oakley's 4-under 68 on Friday gave him a share of the lead. And when Pooley bogeyed the 18th on Saturday, Oakley took the lead.

"I was getting ready to tie it up with Tom Rite and Mark James, names I have read about and watched on television and have admired for so long. They were both great gentlemen to me

# LaSalle basketball coaches resign amid rape investigations

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — La Salle men's basketball coach Billy Hahn and women's coach John Miller have resigned amid two rape investigations involving players on the men's team.

Both coaches were placed on administrative leave July 6 following an investigation that resulted in rape charges against former players Michael Cleaves and Gary Neal, and a claim by a former women's player who came forward following those allegations claiming she was sexually assaulted by a men's team player but was discouraged from telling police by La Salle coaches.

"This is a complex situation and not a judgment on the personal character of the coaches, but the university's policies and procedures are clear," Brown University's Michael J. McGinniss, the school's president, said during a news conference Saturday. "When it comes to the safety of our students and our community, there is no room for personal interpretation of our rules."

McGinniss read a statement but took no questions from reporters. The coaches did not attend the news conference, but in a telephone interview Miller denied any wrongdoing.

"I in no way discouraged one of my players from going forward publicly with any kind of rape allegation," Miller said.

Cleaves, 22, of Paterson, N.J., and Neal, 19, of Baltimore, face charges of rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, unlawful restraint and other charges after a basketball player from the University of New Haven filed a suit against them during an on-campus party June 24.

The 19-year-old woman had been working at a youth basketball camp run by Miller.

DNA evidence matched samples taken from both players, police said.

today. I felt comfortable and very relaxed and I played really well." Oakley said. "It was a pleasure to play and keep up with those two."

Defending champion Tom Watson carded a 2-over 74 and was nine shots off the lead.

Graham Marshall became the first player in a major tournament to make a hole-in-one on the same hole twice, according to tournament officials.

He holed a 9-iron on the 170-yard 11th on Thursday. On Saturday, he did it with an 8-iron.

**France in front in Milwaukee**

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Franco tied his best round on the PGA Tour on Friday, carding a 7-under 63 for a one-shot lead after two rounds of the U.S. Bank Championship.

Franco, who won the event formerly known as the Greater Milwaukee Open in 1999, missed a 9-under 131, one shot ahead of Rich Beem, who had a second 66 at Brown Deer Park.

## Sports briefs

**Williams sisters win in Calif.**

CARSON, Calif. — Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport advanced to the JPMorgan Chase Open semifinals with easy victories Friday, setting up a rematch of last week's final at Stanford.

Williams defeated 11th-seeded Francesca Schiavone of Italy 7-5, 6-1, and No. 3 Davenport beat seventh-seeded Nadia Petrova of Russia 6-1, 6-1 in the quarterfinals.

Top-seeded Serena Williams needed nearly two hours to get by No. 8 Vera Zvonareva of Russia 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

**Roddick squeaks into RCA final**

INDIANAPOLIS — Andy Roddick fell into a big deficit and faced three match points before coming back to beat Ivan Ljubicic 1-6, 7-6 (10), 7-6 (3) Saturday in the semifinals of the RCA Championships.

Roddick, who improved to 14-1 in tiebreakers since the French Open, will face Nicolas Pietrangeli or Gregory Carraz in Sunday's final.

The second-ranked American is trying to become the tournament's first repeat champion since Pete Sampras in 1991-92. "He outplayed me for two sets, plain and simple," Roddick said. "I was a little luckier than he was. I'd like to take credit for today, but I don't know."

It was Roddick's first match since Ljubicic rallied against Roddick after losing to him in the U.S. Open last year. The Croatian said then Roddick was too loud and was unliked by other players.

**Avalanche re-sign Tanguay**

DENVER — The Colorado Avalanche re-signed restricted free-agent forward Alex Tanguay to a one-year contract Friday, avoiding salary arbitration.

Scott Hoch (65), Bo Van Pelt (68) and Patrick Sheehan (68) were two shots back at 133.

Van Pelt and Sheehan were among a record-tying eight golfers who teed off Friday as the leaders after 18 holes.

The other first-round leaders faltered, especially Brian Kortan, who followed his 65 Thursday with a 9-over 79 and missed the cut.

Donny Briggs, Clint Browne and Tom Pernice Jr. missed 70 and were tied for eighth at 135. Robert Gamez and Brett Quigley shot 71 and were tied for 14th.

**Lonard up one in Irish Open**

DROGHEDA, Ireland — Peter Lonard overcame a triple-bogey on the seventh hole Saturday to post an even-par 72, giving him a one-stroke over fellow-Australian Brett Rumford after three rounds of the Irish Open.

Lonard had an 18-under-par 206. Rumford shot 70 for 207. James Kingston of South Africa is two behind at a 72.





# Yankees' A-Pop exercises Fenway

By HOWARD ULMAN  
The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — After getting the go-ahead hit in the ninth inning Friday night, Alex Rodriguez thought back to April, when he went 1-for-17 in his first series at Fenway Park with the Yankees.

"It feels like it was five years ago," he said.

New York's early season struggles are a distant memory, and so is Boston's April success. Even three homers by Kevin Millar couldn't stop the Yankees from beating the Red Sox yet again.

After Millar tied the score in the eighth inning with his third solo home run, Rodriguez put New York back ahead with his third hit of the game. The Yankees' 8-7 victory extended their lead to 9½ games in an AL East race that increasingly appears to be over.

"I'm sure he wants to contribute, especially here," Derek Jeter said. "The first time around was kind of tough."

After losing six of seven games to the Red Sox in April, the Yankees have won four straight against their longtime rival, opening their largest margin since winning the division by 10½ games in 2002. Boston has lost seven of 10.

"Every loss to me is huge," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "We're just trying so desperately to get on the right track."

New York, which acquired Rodriguez from Texas in a tentative trade between the Rangers

## Brawl breaks out in Game 2

The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — A bench-clearing brawl broke out between the Yankees and Boston Red Sox on Saturday after Boston Arroyo hit New York's Alex Rodriguez with a pitch in the top of the third inning.

Rodriguez stared down Arroyo as he started walking toward first.

Catcher Jason Varitek, still wearing his mask, got between them as the AL MVP walked up the baseline and, after some jostling, pushed the Yankees star in the face. The dugouts and bullpens erupted.

Several scurries erupted, with Gabe Kapler battling Yankees starter Tanyon Sturtz, soon joined by Boston's Trot Nixon and David Ortiz. Sturtz was bleeding from the left ear.

Varitek and Rodriguez were ejected from the game by plate umpire Bruce Froemming. Boston manager Terry Francona was ejected in the fifth inning after arguing a call by second base umpire Mike Winters, who ruled Johnny Damon was forced at second base on a throw by right fielder

Gary Sheffield after second baseman Enrique Wilson dropped a pop.

Sturtz pitched the bottom of the third with mud or blood on his shoulder, but he left after the inning with a bruised right pinky finger; he was scheduled for precautionary X-rays.

The Red Sox are desperately in need of a spark as they chase New York, which led 3-0 at the time and began the day 9½ games ahead of Boston in the AL East. Boston has never come back from more than 10 games behind in win the division.

The teams also brawled last fall at Fenway Park during Game 3 of the AL championship series, when Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez threw 72-year-old Yankees bench coach Don Zimmer to the ground. Zimmer, a former Boston manager who is now with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, apologized the next day.

In 1976, New York's Lou Piniella collided with Boston catcher Carlton Fisk at home plate in Yankee Stadium and came up swinging.

In the ensuing fight, Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee was body-slammed and wound up with a broken collarbone.

Millar homered in the fourth, sixth and eighth innings, the last one tying the score 7-all against Tom Gordon (3-3), who got the win.

Millar has five homers in his last three games after hitting five in his first 85. His feat came exactly two years after the previous three-homer game at Fenway Park, by Nomar Garciaparra against Tampa Bay.

"That was big, especially tying the game off Tom Gordon, who's

and Red Sox fell through, overcame a 4-1, fifth-inning deficit against Curt Schilling. Boston had been 10-0 in Schilling's Fenway starts.

Kaith Foulke (2-3) retired his first batter in the ninth before allowing two straight drives off the left-field wall — a double by Gary Sheffield and the single by Rodriguez.

"I made a couple of pitches you shouldn't see in this ballpark," said Foulke, who has blown four

of his last seven save chances. "You've got to take the wall out of play."

Rodriguez knew his hit was over the head of Manny Ramirez, who was playing shallower than usual.

"I knew Manny was playing close because he wanted to get Sheffield out at the plate," Rodriguez said.

Mariano Rivera then closed it out with a perfect bottom half for his AL-best 35th save in 36 chances, his 23rd in a row.

# RHP Durbin makes Royals rethink letting him go

The Associated Press

**CLEVELAND** — Chad Durbin finally got back at the Kansas City Royals and showed the Cleveland Indians that he might be better as a starter.

Durbin pitched a six-hitter against his former team, losing a bid for his first career shutout in the ninth inning as the Indians beat the Royals 10-2 in a day-night doubleheader opener Saturday.

Ronnie Belliard had three RBIs for the Indians, who scored eight runs in the second inning off Chris George (1-2).

Pitching against the team that drafted him in 1996 and released him six years later, Durbin (4-4) was three outs from a shutout when David DeLeuse reached on third baseman Casey Blake's error and Tony Garofano hit a two-run homer.

"But a complete game," said Durbin, making just his third start this season. "I can't complain about that."

Durbin, who struck out three and walked none, got his first win as a starter since Oct. 4, 2001, for Kansas City against Cleveland.

It was also his third career complete game, the first since Aug. 19, 2001.

"It was a lot of fun today," said Durbin, who gave up three game-ending home runs while pitching in relief earlier this season. "Especially against the Royals. I know those guys, and they know me."

In four previous outings against the Royals, Durbin had been 0-1 with a 15.43 ERA. Jody Gerut added two RBIs for the Indians, who improved to 19-3 in games on Fri-

day, Saturday and Sunday. Kansas City has lost six of eight, falling to an AL-worst 35-60.

A year ago after 95 games, the Royals were 53-42 and leading the AL Central by 6½ games.

Cleveland pounded George, recalled from the minors just to make the spot start and immediately sent back to Triple-A Omaha. But before heading to the airport, George had to take one for the team, losing for the first time in six career starts against Cleveland.

He allowed 10 runs and 11 hits in just three innings. He entered 4-4 with a 19.5 ERA against the Indians.

Elsewhere in the AL on Saturday:

**Blue Jays 4, Devil Rays 2:** Josh Towers won his third straight start, and Toronto beat struggling Tampa Bay.

Tampa Bay lost five straight overall and eight in a row on the road. Since moving a season-high two games over .500 on July 3, the Devil Rays have gone 5-14.

Towers (5-3) allowed two runs — one earned — and six hits.

Rookie Jason Frasor got four outs for his 12th save in 13 chances.

Blue Jays manager Carlos Tosca was ejected in the sixth inning after arguing with first base umpire Sam Holbrook.

In Friday's AL games:

**Rangers 8, Athletics 3:** Kevin Mench hit a three-run homer during a five-run rally in the sixth, and visiting Texas ended Mark Mulder's 11-game winning streak, increasing his AL West lead over the A's to 4½ games.

Kenny Rogers (13-3) joined Mulder as the majors' only 13-game winners with his



AP

Cleveland Indians pitcher Chad Durbin pitched a six-hitter in the Indians' 10-2 victory against the Royals on Saturday.

18th straight victory at the Coliseum. Mulder (13-3) gave up seven runs and 10 hits in six innings, his first loss in his last 15 starts.

**White Sox 6, Tigers 4:** After learning that Magglio Ordonez could miss the rest of the season because of an injured knee, Chicago's Carlos Lee hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs, and Juan Uribe hit a tiebreaking solo homer.

Ordonez, a four-time All-Star, went back on the disabled list Friday and could spend up to eight weeks on crutches. Chicago already is missing two-time AL MVP Frank Thomas, expected to miss eight weeks with a broken bone in his left foot.

as tough as there is right now out of the bullpen," Miller said.

Miller became the first player to hit three homers in a game against the Yankees since Mo Vaughn on May 30, 1997. He is just the third player to hit three homers in a Red Sox-Yankees game, joining Vaughn and Lou Gehrig in 1927, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Jeter and Jason Giambi returned to the Yankees lineup after missing two games each. Jeter, who has a small break on his right hand after getting hit by a pitch Tuesday, went 0-for-5. Giambi, recovering from an intestinal parasite, was 0-for-3 and stretched his hitless streak to 21 at-bats.

Sheffield's 20th homer put the Yankees ahead in the first, but Boston went ahead 3-1 in the third against Jon Lieber on Trot Nixon's RBI double and Bill Mueller's two-run shot.

After Miller's first homer extended the lead to 4-1, Kenny Lofton hit an RBI single in the fifth, when the Yankees left the bases loaded.

Schilling couldn't stop the Yankees in the sixth, when he allowed four singles and one walk while facing six batters.

Jorge Posada hit an RBI single, Ruben Sierra singled in a run on a high bounce halfway down the first-base line and Lofton doubled in a run for a 5-4 lead. Bernie Williams then hit a two-run double off Mike Timmer.

Two more homers by Miller against the Yankees' RBI double in the seventh tied the score.

Estaban Loaiza (9-5) allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings to win for the first time in four starts since June 27.

Shingu Takatsu pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his eighth save.

Nate Robertson (9-5) gave up six runs and eight hits in six innings for visiting Detroit.

**Indians 3, Royals 2:** Ben Broussard homered off Nate Field (2-2) on a 3-0 count with one out in the 11th, giving Cleveland its eighth win in a major league-high 19 extra-inning games this year.

Rick White (4-4) stranded the go-ahead run at second in the 11th by striking out Ruben Mateo and pinch-hitter De Brown.

**Twins 7, Orioles 3:** Corey Koskie homered and had a season-high four RBIs as visiting Minnesota won its fifth straight and maintained its half-game lead over Chicago in the AL Central.

Carlos Silva (9-7) allowed three runs and nine hits in six-plus innings to earn his first win in four starts since June 23. John Maine (0-1) gave up four runs over 3½ innings in his major league debut.

**Blue Jays 7, Devil Rays 4:** Frank Menchino had three hits, including a solo homer, and Toronto scored six unearned runs in the third at SkyDome.

Michael Balfanz allowed three runs and six hits in six innings to win for the seventh time in his last eight decisions at SkyDome.

**Angels 8, Mariners 2:** Jose Guillen had three hits, a home run and five RBIs at Seattle.

John Lackey (8-9) won for the fourth time in five decisions, allowing two runs and nine hits in 5½ innings.

# Abbott chalks up rare "9"

## Rays' reject wins his first for Phillies and adds two RBIs

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Paul Abbott got his first victory for Philadelphia and drove in the first two runs of his career to lead the Phillies to a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

Abbott, signed on June 9 after being released by Tampa Bay, allowed three runs and seven hits in 5½ innings for his first victory since April 21. He lost his first four decisions with the Phillies and hadn't won since April 21.

Before his single in the fourth put Philadelphia ahead 4-2, Abbott had been 4-for-17 at the plate in his career. Abbott threw 80 pitches and left after Aramis Ramirez's solo homer in the sixth.

Roberto Hernandez and Rheal Cormier combined to pitch two scoreless innings. With closer Billy Wagner unavailable because of a strained left shoulder, Tim Worrell got six outs for his 10th save in 14 chances.

Sammy Sosa and Derek Lee homered for the second straight game for Chicago, which had won three in a row. Sosa's 20th homer was his 559th of his career.

In Friday's NL games: **Rockies 8, Diamondbacks 2:** Vinny Castilla broke up Casey Fossum's no-hit bid with a two-run homer in the seventh, then added another two-run shot in the eighth as Colorado sent Arizona to a team-record 12th straight loss.

After walking two batters with one out in the first, Fossum (2-9) retired 17 straight before walking Todd Helton leading off the seventh. Castilla then homered to lead on a 1-1 pitch.

Jerome Burnitz hit another



Chicago slugger Sammy Sosa watches his solo home run in the first inning of Saturday's game against Philadelphia. The Phillies won 4-3.

two-run homer later in the inning, a 445-foot drive that gave Colorado a 4-1 lead. Castilla added a two-run homer in the eighth as he reached 20 for the eighth time in his career.

**Brewers 7, Astros 6:** Roger Clemens tied his season high by allowing three homers, and the visiting Brewers stopped a four-game losing streak on Wes Helms' ninth-inning sacrifice fly.

Clemens, who didn't get a decision, led trailing 5-0 after allowing five runs and eight hits in 5½

innings. He walked one and struck out seven, raising his career total to 4,232. He remained at 321 wins, two behind Nolan Ryan and Don Sutton for 12th place on the career list. Clemens also hit a bloop single in the third, but was then picked off at first.

Scott Podsednik broke the Brewers' 25-inning scoreless streak with a homer on the second pitch of the game.

**Cubs 5, Phillies 1:** Moises Alou, Sammy Sosa and Derek Lee homered to back Kerry Wood

(5-3), and visiting Chicago won its third straight.

Alou went 2-for-4, and has six homers and 13 RBIs in his last nine games. Lee's homer was his fifth in nine games, and fifth in 31 at-bats against Bret Myers (5-8).

Phillies first baseman Jim Thome, who leads the majors with 31 homers, missed the game because of tendinitis in his right index finger. Philadelphia closer Billy Wagner wasn't available and will miss the rest of the series because of a sore throwing shoulder.

**Dodgers 3, Padres 2:** Adrian Beltré homered off Rod Beck (0-2) with one out in the ninth to give the homestanding Dodgers their 16th win in 18 games and increase their lead in the NL West over the Padres and San Francisco to 3½ games.

The teams played in front of a Dodger Stadium-record crowd of 55,311.

Eric Gagne (3-0) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

**Expos 2, Marlins 1:** Orlando Cabrera's sacrifice fly in the fourth ended the host Expos' 42-inning scoreless streak against Florida, and Jose Vidro hit a go-ahead RBI double in the fifth.

The Expos had been shut out in each of their last four games against the Marlins, but Cabrera's sac fly off Brad Penny (8-8) tied it at 1.

It was the longest such streak in the majors since the California Angels shut out Cleveland over 44 consecutive innings in 1966, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The New York Highlanders had a major league-record 45-inning scoreless streak against Boston in 1906.

**Pirates 6, Reds 3:** Oliver Perez (6-4) struck out 11 in seven innings, and Craig Wilson drove in two runs for the host Pirates.

Pittsburgh is 6-2 since the All-Star break and has won 18 of 24. The Pirates, once 9-19 at home, are 23-25.

Perez (6-4) gave up five hits and three runs. Jose Mesa worked the ninth for his 28th save in 29 opportunities.

Joe Mauer (4-9) gave up nine hits and six runs in 3½ innings.

# Hermanson comes back to frustrate Cardinals

By R.B. FALLSTROM

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Dustin Hermanson made an impressive return to St. Louis.

Hermanson, released by the Cardinals last June, took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Barry Bonds hit a three-run homer one day before his 40th birthday, helping the San Francisco Giants end St. Louis' five-game winning streak with a 7-2 victory Friday night.

Hermanson (4-3) allowed only a fourth-inning walk to Albert Pujols' 28th homer ended the no-hit bid with one out in the seventh. Bonds didn't move a step in left field as the ball sailed far above him — a drive estimated at 434 feet.

"If you guys go back and look at it, it was shoulder-high," Hermanson said of the pitch. "I've got to tip my cap to him. If he's not the best hitter in the game, he's one of the two or three."

Hermanson gave up two runs and three hits in 6½ innings. He struck out five and walked one for his first victory since June 27, then had nothing but good things to say about the Cardinals.

"I have no regrets about what I did over here," Hermanson said. "I wasn't trying to get back at these guys. I have all the respect in the world for Tony La Russa."

The Giants, facing the Cardinals for the first time this year, are 6-1 against St. Louis in the last two seasons. The Cardinals lost for only the second time in 14 home games and have won 15 of 18 overall.

Bonds' 25th homer of the season, and 683rd of his career, gave the Giants a 6-0 lead in the seventh. He had been 0-for-8 against Jeff Suppan (9-6) before launching a 3-1 fastball over the right-field wall for his first homer in five days.

Wearing sandals, he stepped on some broken glass, causing blood to spurt from a deep gash in his right heel.

Paramedics applied five stitches and a bandage. Suppan was told to walk with a cane, and doctors said he could be out on his foot for about a week.

**Orioles' Matos on DL**

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles placed center fielder Luis Matos on the 15-day disabled list Friday because of a bruised right shin.

Matos slammed into the wall at Fenway Park on Wednesday while making a sensational catch against Boston. He missed time during spring training with a stress fracture in the same shin.

Matos is hitting .224 with six homers and 28 RBIs in 89 games.

# Mariners release former AL batting champ Olerud

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Former AL batting champion John Olerud was released Friday by the last-place Seattle Mariners.

Olerud, 35, was hitting .245 with five homers and 22 RBIs in 77 games when he was designated for assignment last week. He was in the final year of a contract which pays him \$7.7 million this season.

Olerud led the AL with a .363 average with Toronto in 1993, when the Blue Jays won their second straight World Series title. He has a career average of .295, with 2,143 hits, 244 homers and 1,167 RBIs.

**Wagner out for weekend**

PHILADELPHIA — Philadel-



phia closer Billy Wagner will miss the rest of a weekend series against the Chicago Cubs because of a sore throwing shoulder.

Wagner said the injury occurred Wednesday, when he worked 1½ innings against Florida for his 16th save.

In 31 games, he is 3-0 with a 3.12 ERA and 46 strikeouts.

**Blue Jays' Hentgen retires**

TORONTO — Former Cy Young Award winner Pat Hentgen retired Saturday, in the middle of a poor season with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The 35-year-old right-hander is

2-9 with a 6.95 ERA after returning to the Blue Jays last offseason. He won the 1996 AL Cy Young Award, going 20-10 with a 3.22 ERA.

**Broadcaster back in booth**

TORONTO — Toronto Blue Jays radio announcer Tom Cheek was back in the broadcast booth Friday night for the game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, his first game since undergoing surgery last month to remove a brain tumor. Cheek announced the fifth and sixth innings of the game.

Cheek, 65, called every game in franchise history before missing one in early June because of his father's death — ending a 27½-year streak covering 4,306 consecutive regular-season and 41 postseason games.

**Stanford faces surgery**

CLEVELAND — Cleveland left-hander Shane Stanford will likely undergo ligament replacement surgery on his elbow next week and will miss next season.

"At this point, he'll probably have an operation," trainer Lonnie Soffo said Friday. "I think it will end up being Tommy John," a procedure named after the pitcher who first underwent the revolutionary operation in 1974.

**Spencer steps onto DL**

NEW YORK — New York Mets outfielder Shane Spencer went on the 15-day disabled list Friday after cutting his sandaled right foot on broken glass in a bar.

After attending a charity event Thursday night, Spencer and his wife went to a bar in Manhattan.

# Judge rules Bryant jury to hear about accuser's sexual activity

BY JON SARCHÉ

The Associated Press

DENVER — The judge in the Kobe Bryant rape case has decided that jurors will be allowed to hear about the sex life of the NBA star's accuser so they can determine her credibility.

With about a month to go before the trial begins, District Judge Terry Ruckledge on Friday gave what legal experts see as a solid victory to the defense.

Ruckledge, however, limited the admissible evidence to the woman's sexual activities in the three days before her July 1, 2003 hospital examination, saying it is relevant to help determine the cause of her injuries and the source of DNA evidence.

"While the defense lost some things it wanted, it has accumulated a massive amount of damaging facts," Larry Pozner, former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, said. "This evidence is as damag-

ing a set of facts as a prosecutor could ever have to contend with and one wonders if at long last the accuser will pull the plug on this case."

The woman's lawyer, John Clune, declined comment. Bryant's lawyers didn't return a call.

The prosecution will decide how to proceed after reviewing the decision but no options have been ruled out, spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said.

"We have no plans of not moving forward with the prosecution," she said. "It's just what is that going to look like?"

Colorado's rape-shield law generally prevents the sex life of an alleged assault victim from being admitted as evidence. Judges can study evidence and witness testimony behind closed doors to determine if it is relevant.

Ruckledge said "specific instances of sexual activity" and evidence of sex can be offered to bolster the contention that her injuries were not caused by Bryant.

Under seal, the judge filed a detailed ruling explaining what evidence will be admitted.

Pozner said the ruling gives the defense ammunition to attack the alleged victim's credibility.

"In most sexual assault cases the complaining witness is the strength of the case," he said. "In this one she's the weakness of the case."

Bryant, 25, faces an Aug. 27 trial on a single charge of felony sexual assault. He has pleaded not guilty, saying he had consensual sex last summer with the woman, then a 19-year-old front desk worker at a Vail-area resort.

If convicted, Bryant faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

The defense has suggested the woman had multiple sexual partners in the days surrounding her June 2003 encounter with Bryant, including sex with someone after the alleged attack and before she contacted the authorities. Her lawyer has denied that claim.

# Center Collins re-signs with Jazz

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Free agent Jarron Collins re-signed with the Utah Jazz on Friday.

The 6-foot-11 center has spent all three of his NBA seasons in Utah, which picked him in the second round in 2001 out of Stanford.

Collins has started 103 of the 176 games he's played for the Jazz. He missed much of his second season with a knee injury, but came back last season and took over the starting job when Greg Odenstrat struggled with inconsis-

tency down the stretch.

Odenstrat, who spent nine seasons with Utah, agreed to a deal with Sacramento earlier this week.

Collins has career averages of 6.1 points and 3.9 rebounds.

The Jazz still must wait before officially adding restricted free agents Carlos Boozer and Mehmet Okur until July 30, when their former teams' chance to match Utah's offers expires.

## Timberwolves re-sign Holberg

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves agreed to a multiyear contract with key backup Fred Holberg on Friday.

Holberg averaged 6.7 points and 3.4 rebounds in 79 games, including a career-best 46.5 percent shooting. He was especially valuable when Wally Szczerbiak spent much of the season on the disabled list.

Last season was his first with the Wolves after stints with Indiana and Chicago.

## NBA briefs

# Red hot: Scorching summer for L.A.

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Tracy said the offense has improved because the hitters are being more selective and working on pitching deeper into counts, forcing opposing starters to throw more pitches earlier in games.

Beltre, Izturis and Paul Lo Duca all were hitting over .300, with Bradley at .287 and Cora at .295 going into the weekend.

Green's hitting seems to be coming around after struggling earlier.

Plus, at the end of games, the Dodgers can bring Eric Gagne out of the bullpen to protect leads.

Even McCourt fully realizes the team will have some down periods.

"It's what makes the business so interesting and so much fun, it's so dynamic and fluid," he said.

The division race figures to be interesting and fun the rest of this season. San Francisco manager Felipe Alou and San Diego counterpart Bruce Bochy believe their teams will make it that way.

"Nobody is going to run away with this division, I don't think," Alou said. "The three clubs at the top are too good, and Colorado and Arizona are no pushovers."

It's going to be down the wire to September to see who comes out of here. I think we'll have two teams in the playoffs. I think the wild card will come out of the West."



Los Angeles Dodgers' Alex Cora, right, is tagged out at home by San Diego Padres catcher Miguel Ojeda in the second inning Friday in Los Angeles. The Dodgers rallied to win on a ninth-inning home run.

Said Bochy: "It's going to be like this the whole way, be deep into the season before you know who's going to win. We've got a real good ballclub, and I'd like to think we're improved enough to make some noise."

Green said the Dodgers certainly can't start feeling secure.

"We realize that there's still more than two months left in the season," he said. "Even if we had six- or a seven-game lead, there's still a lot of time left. So you can't get too comfortable."

Associated Press sports writer Greg Beacham contributed to this report.



Joe Nemechek (87) spins out of control as Casey Mears (1) drives by during the NASCAR Busch Siemens 200 at New Hampshire International Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Saturday.

# Kenseth outsmarts Busch field in N.H.

The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Matt Kenseth couldn't beat the field with speed, so he did it with strategy Saturday in the crash-filled NASCAR Busch Series race at New Hampshire International Speedway.

The reigning Nextel Cup champion, making only his seventh Busch start of 2004, came up with his second victory of the season and 16th of his career in the Siemens 200.

"We had a good car, but it wasn't good enough to pass every body," said Kenseth, who started 21st in the 43-car field.

"The team had to come up with a good pit strategy to get by some of those guys. We made an early stop to get track position and it put us in position where we could get past those last four or five guys."

Runner-up Tim Fedewa tried hard to overtake Kenseth, moving alongside the leader on a restart with 13 laps to go. But Kenseth, with the outside position, was able to hold off the challenge and eventually pulled away, winning by 1.51 seconds — about six car-lengths.

"I got under him, but I couldn't get it by," Fedewa said. "I wish I could have caught Matt, but we needed more laps than we had."

Kenseth said: "Tim Fedewa did a great job. He got under me and could have punted me, but we gave each other room to race, like you're supposed to."

Jason Leffler finished third, followed by Kasey Kahne and Ron Hornaday Jr., who led the first 66 laps of a race that included 10 caution flags for a total of 49 laps.

Kyle Busch was involved in two crashes.

On lap 163, Busch banged off the rear of pole-starter Jamie McMurray's car and sent series points leader Martin Truex Jr. banging off the wall.

Both were able to continue and, on the restart on lap 183, Busch rammed the back of Jason Keller's car and the two collided again as they spun. NASCAR gave Busch a one-lap penalty for rough driving and he wound up 25th.

Busch and Keller exchanged heated words in the pits and

## Racing roundup

again in the garage following the race.

Busch is 94 points behind Truex, who finished 11th on the same track where he is set to make his Cup debut Sunday, filling in for injured Dale Earnhardt Jr.

## Meira wins pole in Milwaukee

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — Victor Meira won the pole Saturday for the inaugural Menards A.J. Foyt Indy 225 at the Milwaukee Mile.

Meira took his first pole of the season, averaging 169.538 mph at the one-mile, oval course. To earn his first Indy victory on Sunday, Meira will have to hold off series points leader Tony Kanaan, who qualified second with a speed of 168.597 mph.

Meira sits in 10th place in the driver standings, 155 points behind Kanaan.

"I'm really happy," Meira said. "The car got better each time we went out on the track. We got better two- or three-tenths every time."

Meira's Rahal Letterman Racing teammate Buddy Rice finished third, followed by Sam Hornish Jr., who had the best lap times during trials at the track in June. Helio Castroneves qualified fifth.

## Schumacher top qualifier for German Grand Prix

HOCKENHEIM, Germany — Michael Schumacher won the pole position during qualifying for the German Grand Prix on Saturday, moving him a step closer to matching his own record of 11 wins in a season.

Schumacher had a time of 1 minute, 13.306 seconds in his Ferrari on the 2.843-mile course to pick up his sixth pole of the season and the 61st of his career, four less than Ayrton Senna's record.

His last pole came at the European Grand Prix at the end of May.

Schumacher is trying for his 11th victory in 12 races this season. In 2002, he set the F1 record of 11 wins in 17 races.

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# Red hot and blue



Los Angeles Dodgers' Milton Bradley (21) welcomes teammate Adrian Beltre to home plate after Beltre hit a solo homer in the second inning of the Dodgers' 7-6 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday. Los Angeles has won 16 of 18 games in July and leads the NL West by 3½ games.

## Dodgers catch fire in July, take NL West lead

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LOS ANGELES — Frank McCourt leaned back in his front-row seat behind home plate, cheerfully eating peanuts and not particularly worried that his team trailed 6-0.

The Dodgers' No. 1 fan and rookie owner has reason to remain upbeat. Los Angeles suddenly has become one of baseball's best teams, opening a lead over the defending champion Giants and upstart Padres in the competitive NL West.

"We've been getting solid pitching, our defense has been superb, and we've had timely hitting," McCourt said. "I think what makes a team really good is talent, chemistry and confidence."

"We have good talent, and I believe the chemistry is there. These guys have a lot of fun playing, and they go out every night feeling they are going to win. I believe we have a quiet confidence now, which comes with winning."

And the Dodgers have been winning, with the third-best record in the majors behind St. Louis and the New York Yankees going into the weekend.

"You get a feeling of invincibility when you're clicking on all cylinders. Regardless of whether you're playing at home or on the road, or regardless of who's pitching, you feel like you're going to win the game," left fielder Dave Roberts said.



Jose Lima, who joined the Dodgers' rotation full-time in June, went 3-0 with a 3.06 ERA in five July starts.

After trailing San Francisco by 3½ games at the start of this month, the Dodgers have won 16 of 18 after Friday's 3-2 comeback victory over San Diego in the opener of a three-game series at Dodger Stadium. Adrian Beltre hit a game-winning home run off Rod Beck in the ninth inning.

Los Angeles is 3½ games in front of the Padres and the Giants.

"The Dodgers have a great club this year," San Francisco's J.T. Snow said. "They've

added some great pieces, and they're playing with confidence."

Even when the Dodgers fell six runs behind Colorado in a game earlier this week, McCourt wasn't conceding anything. After all, Los Angeles has come from behind in 29 of its 55 victories this year. The Dodgers' rally fell one run short in that game against the Rockies, a 6-5 loss that ended an eight-game winning streak.

"Over the course of our last 15-16 ball games, we have done nothing but execute offensively and defensively in virtually every situation," manager Jim Tracy said. "We have run the bases very aggressively and have forced opposing clubs to make mistakes due to our aggressiveness."

"We've worked very hard at our defense. When you don't give the other side the opportunity to score cheap runs on you, it puts less of a burden on your offense."

The Dodgers have committed a major-league low 42 errors through 95 games.

"Our middle is as good defensively as anybody in the game," Tracy said of shortstop Cesar Izturis, second baseman Alex Cora and center fielder Milton Bradley.

"We're as good as anybody in the game at third base (with Beltre). Shawn Green has done a terrific job in the conversion process to playing first base."

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